

## News

### Early county retirees have to pay for better insurance

Crawford County Commissioners stood firm with its position not to fund extended health care for retirees who move outside the county or live in another area for part of the year.

The board gave retirees the option to pay the difference for a PPO health insurance plan, which would give them greater access when they winter in warmer areas or live in the Upper Peninsula.

It would cost a single retiree \$55.04 per month for the enhanced coverage and \$123.84 for a couple.

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## SPORTS

### Vikings start year with 76-43 win at Roscommon



The Grayling Vikings started strong vs. the Roscommon Bucks on Tuesday night - Grayling, the visiting team playing in its season opener, led 20-4 after one quarter - and they eventually won the nonconference varsity boys basketball match by a final score of 76-43, outscoring the Bucks in all four quarters of the game.

"I was pleased with our effort at both ends of the court. Offensively, our kids did a great job of sharing the basketball," Coach Rich Moffit said. Page 11

### JV basketball team wins 62-30 in season opener



Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team won 62-30 in its season opener at Roscommon on Tuesday night.

The Vikings outscored the Bucks 13-4 in the first period. Grayling scored its 13 points with two free throws from Michael Branch, an inside shot by Branch, a jumper by Tyler McClanahan, a lay-up by Brandon Latusek, a put-back by Tyler Summers, and one free throw from Scott Wakeley. Page 12

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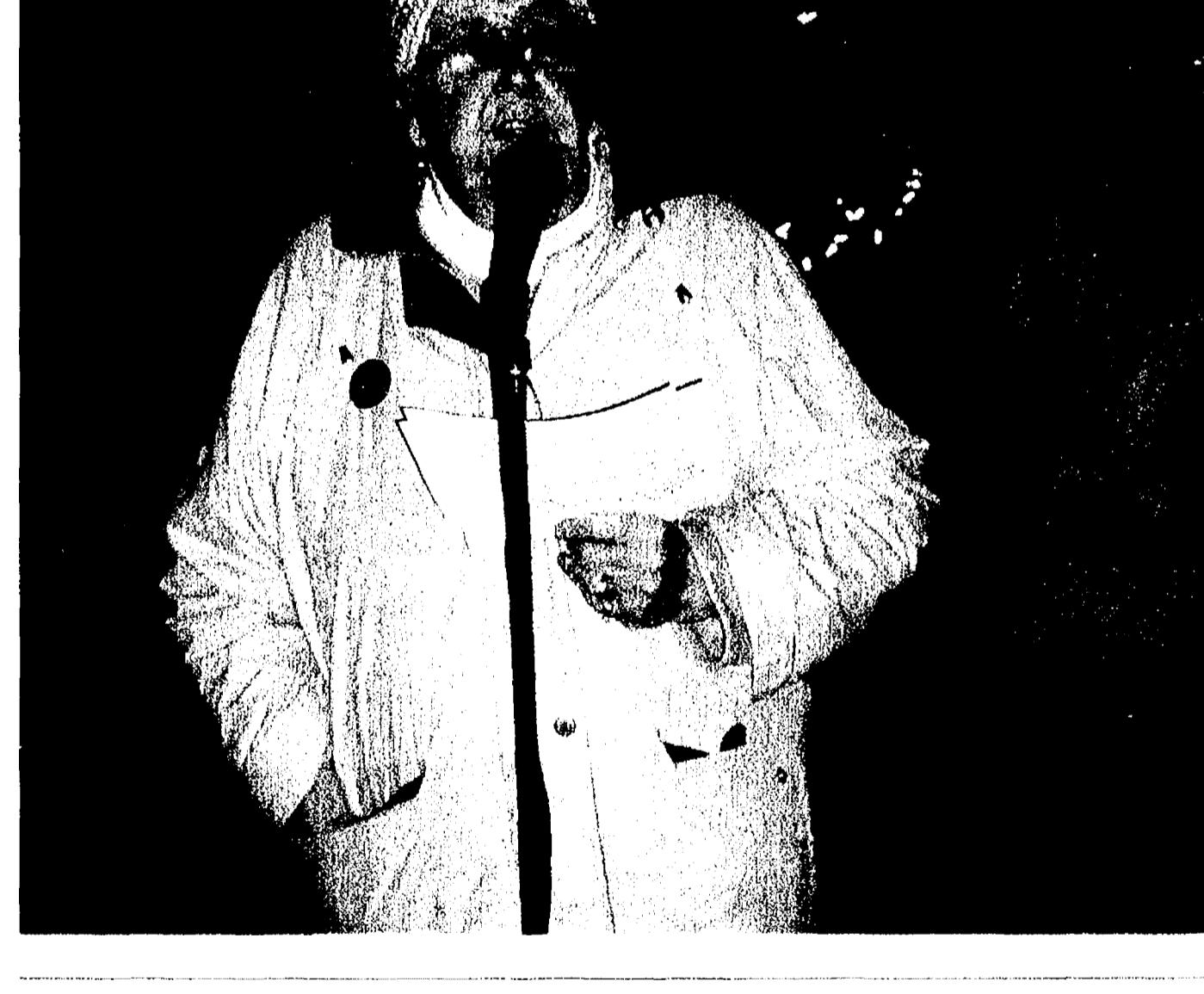
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## Lights of Love tree honors loved ones

The Lights of Love tree lighting ceremony was held at Mercy Hospital Grayling on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Donors, who pay to have a light on the Christmas tree outside the hospital in honor of a loved one, were recognized at the ceremony. The Mercy Hospital Auxiliary also presented a \$16,000 check to Mercy Hospital Grayling CEO Stephanie Reimer-Matuzak, as part of a \$100,000 commitment to improve patient rooms at the hospital. Above, Pam, Sophie and Dr. David Lagattuta, served as the official family for the tree lighting for the Lights of Love. Below, Pat Tundo, chairwoman for the Lights of Love campaign, presides over the ceremonies outside the hospital as snow flakes began to drop.

Photos by Dan Sanderson



## Stuff the Goose will take place at Grayling Kmart

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

The Michigan State Police Houghton Lake Post has had a long working relationship with Toys for Tots.

The post has been a long time collection point for Toys for Tots.

This year, Troopers from the Houghton Lake Post are attempting to do more for Toys for Tots - taking their collection site mobile.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, Troopers will be at the Grayling Kmart store, attempting to stuff a patrol car with gifts.

The campaign will be referred to as "Stuff a Goose."

Michigan State Police cruisers are commonly referred to as "Blue Goose."

In 1954, Michigan State Police Commissioner Joseph A. Childs decided to add some life to the color of state police patrol cars that had been uniformly black with a gold door shield and striping painted on them since the 1930s.

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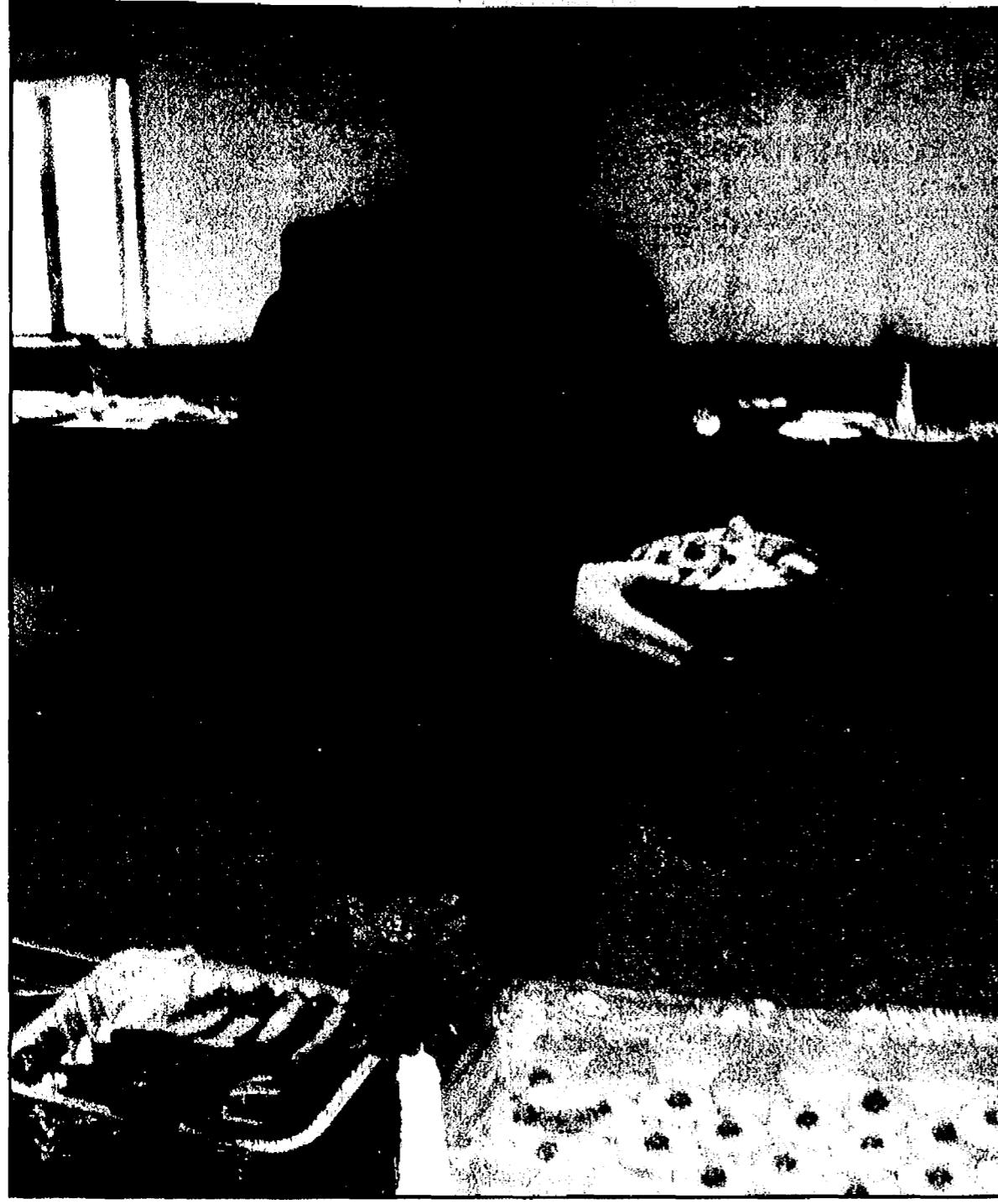
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# Taking a stroll to satisfy the holiday sweet tooth



The Women's Club at the St. Mary's Church held their annual Cookie Walk sale in the church's Family Center on Saturday. Cookies were displayed on tables and customers and parishioners had the option of buying tins of various sizes to take their cookies home for the holidays. Proceeds from the Cookie Walk sale pay for funeral luncheons and other causes and commitments the Women's Club supports. Left, Dr. Suzanne Toupin fills a tin full of holiday sweet treats.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

## County Commissioners reject another proposed compensation proposal

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

For the second time in three months, a proposal to revamp how Crawford County Commissioners are compensated for their time was rejected by a majority of the board.

Crawford County Commissioner Linda Munsey, who is serving her first two-year term on the county board, proposed to eliminate compensating county commissioners with a salary, but would allow them to use funds to pay for health care insurance.

Under her proposal, Munsey proposed to make \$13,866 available to an individual commissioner and \$15,094 to the chairman of the board to be used to pay for health insurance, if they choose to accept the benefits from the county.

Currently, the county has budgeted \$7,000 for health insurance for an individual commissioner, \$13,000 for a couple and \$18,000 for a family, although no commissioner on the board accepts a family health care plan.

County commissioners receive \$8,631 in pay per year to serve on the board and the chairman receives \$9,345.

Munsey said she believed that rolling the salary and health insurance into one line item to pay for just medical coverage would address the disparity of what individual commissioners receive.

"This way, everybody is equal," she said.

Munsey's proposal failed in a 4-to-1 vote of the board, as she cast the sole yes vote. County Board Chairman Dave Stephenson, Vice Chairman Rick Anderson

and Commissioners Terry Beardslee, Shelley Pinkelman and Kathy Rogers cast the majority no vote. Commissioner Scott Hanson was not at the meeting.

In October, a proposal made by Stephenson, that said a commissioner could only receive \$11,000 in pay and health care benefits and the chairman of the board would receive \$12,000 in pay and health care benefits, was put before the board. That proposal was also rejected.

Capping the cost would have saved the county \$60,000 at a time when officials are tapping into the county's fund balance to cover operating costs.

Stephenson believes that county commissioners should not receive the same benefits that full-time county employees receive, especially at a time when employees are asked to make concessions and the county is forced to lay off employees.

"If you are in this position, in my opinion, for the dollars and cents and the medical benefits, I think it's for the wrong reason," Stephenson said.

Anderson said he did not want to eliminate offering health insurance for those who need it.

"I don't want to burden one or two people who may need the insurance," Anderson said.

Anderson, however, questioned the caliber of candidates that would run for the county board if the benefits

were cut back. He added that the county has a hard time getting people willing to serve on committees appointed by the county board.

"I didn't get into this position to make any money at it," Anderson said. "I did it as a public service."

County commissioners agreed to cut their pay in half when County Administrator Paul Compo was hired in 1998. Pay for the board members has crept back up over the years.

"He's still doing all the work and then some from the time he was hired," Stephenson said.

Kathy Rogers, chairwoman of the county's way and means committee which addresses financial and budget issues, suggested bringing back a compensation commission to make salary and benefit recommendations.

"We look at this as part-time, but it does take a full-time commitment," Rogers said.

The county's compensation commission was disbanded by the county board in January 2010 because county officials wanted to set salaries for elected officials in line with what union and other county employees were receiving.

The county board is trying to establish the salary and benefits schedule for commissioners who will take office in 2013. The board has until May to come to an agreement.

Pinkelman suggested that county officials wait until

the Michigan Legislature addresses policies that impact the benefits for public employees.

"We have legislation coming at us right and left about health care insurance," Pinkelman said. "I think it's a moot point until something happens."

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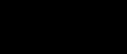
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### Correction

A story titled "Discussions over ambulance services continue to boil in Crawford County," published in the Dec. 8 edition of the *Crawford County Avalanche*, incorrectly stated that Beaver Creek Township and the City of Grayling have a millage to support ambulance services. The municipalities do not levy a millage for ambulance services.

The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

# Issues and Opinions



## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Gingrich provides strange political story

WHAT FOLLOWS is one of the strangest political sagas of our times.

MAY 10, 2011 - The headline reads "Gingrich joins GOP presidential race"

This brief news story follows:

"Newt Gingrich, the House speaker who led a national GOP resurgence in the 1990s before facing ethics questions and resigning, is running for president."

"Gingrich's announcement, made on social networking websites Monday, came after months of public flirting with a bid. The former Georgia congressman brings to the race a political machine with ties to early nominating states and a network of supporters and donors. But his personal baggage - he's acknowledged marital infidelity and has had two divorces - could hinder his chances of winning the party's nomination."

JUNE 26, 2011 - The headline reads "Gingrich campaign fundraisers quit"

This brief news story follows:

"The top fundraisers for Newt Gingrich's presidential campaign have abandoned his struggling bid amid anemic fundraising and heavy spending."

Campaign spokesman R.C. Hammond told the *Associated Press* that fundraising director Jody Thomas and fundraising consultant Mary Heitman have left the team. The former House speaker's campaign has been on life support since early June when 16 top aides and advisers resigned en masse over disagreements with the Republican candidate. Gingrich has insisted that he'll stay in the race."

DECEMBER 7, 2011 - The headline reads "Gingrich moves out in front"

This longer news story begins:

"Former House speaker Newt Gingrich not only built a double-digit lead over Mitt Romney for the Republican presidential nomination in a new Gallup Poll. He also now scores the most support of any GOP contender this year."

"Gingrich's 37 percent standing is the highest of the year in Gallup surveys that have seen a string of seven candidates or potential candidates leading or tied for the lead."

"Not since the tumultuous 1964 race have there been bigger swings in voter sentiments in a Republican nominating contest."

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THESE THREE newspaper reports, all originating from USA

Today and appearing in abbreviated form in *The Lansing State Journal*, encapsulate one of the fascinating political sagas of recent years.

What happened? How can any candidacy move from near-death in June to front runner in December?

Of course, this cannot be real life; it's all politics, where strange and mysterious things happen all the time.

In this case, a primary reason stems from what one columnist labeled the "ABM" within the Republican Party -- "Anybody But Mitt" Romney for the party's nomination.

The December Gallup poll shows Mr. Romney at the same 22 percent level he has enjoyed almost from the beginning of candidate polling this year. Other candidates have risen or fallen in polls over the past few months, but Mitt Romney has stayed at the same 20-25 percent, which until now has been enough to make him the front runner as the seven other announced candidates varied up and down.

\* \* \*

THE LATEST "ABM" favorite was businessman Herman Cain, who was up to 22 percent support in November polling while Mr.

Gingrich was in the teens and Mr. Romney was in his usual 22-25 percent. Mr. Cain suspended his candidacy because of family issues on December 3, and the Gallup poll was conducted December 1-5.

In the December poll, Mr. Gingrich support rose 24 points to 37 percent which likely means most Cain supporters moved to Mr. Gingrich as the newest ABM.

If that surmise is correct, without the Cain supporters the basic Gingrich strength is only 13 percent, which is closer to Ron Paul's 8 percent, Rick Perry's 7 percent and Michele Bachmann's 6 percent than to Mitt Romney's 22 percent.

The real test is whether Newt Gingrich can corral the Cain supporters permanently, and if the ABM faction moves permanently to his cause.

If so, he could win the nomination and cap one of the most fascinating political stories of recent years.

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IT'S IMPOSSIBLE to think of Newt Gingrich as an underdog. He's been an insider in Washington politics for about 30 years.

By trade he's a history professor

who ran for Congress as a

Republican a couple of times in a suburban Atlanta district which then elected Democrats. He finally won during the early Reagan years, and has not left Washington since.

As House Speaker, his reign was tumultuous. He was ousted from that role by fellow Republicans after two terms, then faced a variety of internal accusations and charges, including ethics violations.

He has prospered as a Washington lobbyist - or as he describes it, "historian" - and has a ton of other personal baggage to overcome.

Newt Gingrich is glib, a great debater, fascinating wordsmith, and original thinker, who often verbally shoots from the hip and both feet end up in his mellifluous mouth.

The first real test of Mr. Gingrich's real appeal will come in about three weeks in Iowa when the entire skewed system of state-by-state primaries, caucuses and conventions gets underway.

Keep in mind that it's all politics.

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## Viewpoint

By Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

### Safe winter driving tips

With the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) citing traffic accidents as the leading cause of death during winter storms, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office is reminding travelers that despite adverse conditions, many accidents can be avoided.

"What a lot of people need to understand is that a high percentage of traffic fatalities are a result of poor decision-making," says Sheriff Wakefield. "In bad weather, it may come down to something as simple as postponing travel for a day. If you do have to brave the elements then watch your speed, don't try to drive too far if you're tired, and make sure your vehicle is equipped with the necessary equipment for the conditions. Most importantly, always wear safety belts and never get behind the wheel after having too much to drink."

In 2006 almost 19,000

Michigan accidents were alcohol related. Despite statistics showing that seat belt usage in the U.S. has increased over the years with about 4 out of every 5 travelers now buckling up, there is still room for improvement. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that if all drivers and passengers wore seatbelts, approximately 8,000 lives a year would be spared nationwide.

With the early arrival of winter weather Sheriff Wakefield suggests the following safety tips for safe travel:

Winter driving tips: Check your tires, engine oil, antifreeze and brakes before embarking on a trip. Buckle up and make sure your passengers do too. Reduce speed in snow, sleet and rain. Allow yourself plenty of braking space in wet weather. Lightly pump your

brakes on wet roads when slowing the vehicle.

Never venture down unplowed roads. Avoid distractions such as talking on your cell phone or eating. Keep headlights on and use low beams in fog. Listen to the radio for information on local road and weather conditions. Pull off the road if you're tired or if outside conditions worsen. If you break down, don't venture more than 100 yards from your vehicle to seek help.

Things to include in your vehicle during winter driving: Map of the area where you're traveling, water, flashlight (with extra batteries), candle (for heat and light), snowbrush and ice-scraping, package of cat litter (for tire traction), spare tire, small shovel, hats, weather proof gloves and boots, and a heavy blanket, matches and flares, cell phone (for emergency use only).

## Letters to the Editor

### That life saved or lost, could be yours, mine or that of a loved one

To the editor:

Why in the world would we, in Grayling and Grayling Township, ever want to exchange our local MMR ambulance service for one 10 miles away in another community? Especially when the Advance Life Support ambulance service company in Frederic have only two ambulances available to make emergency runs while in town, MMR has five.

How does it make any sense to add 10 or more minutes (10 miles at least) to an emergency run where every second counts in saving a life.

When their two ambulances are out on other runs, good luck. That life saved or lost, could be yours, mine or that of a loved one.

Why is it that I think someone pushing this ridiculous proposal stands to make money off it if it is enacted. Could be, because it is true more often than not.

Harry Wojeik

Grayling

### Holiday Hours:

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed on

Monday, December 26th.

The Avalanche

will re-open on Tuesday,

December 27th at 9am.

### Early Holiday Deadlines:

The December 29th Avalanche

will be on newsstands

Wednesday, December 28th.

Deadlines for the

December 29th

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Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 22nd at noon

Community News: Fri. Dec. 23rd at noon

Classified Display Ads: Fri. Dec. 23rd at noon

Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Dec. 27th at noon

Our office will be closed on

Monday, January 2nd.

The Avalanche office will re-open

on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9am.

Deadlines for the January 5th

issue are:

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Community News: Fri. Dec. 30th at noon

Classified Display Ads: Fri. Dec. 30th at noon

Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Dec. 31st at noon

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Never leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart.

Never carry large amounts of cash. Whenever possible use credit cards, debit cards or checks.

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When returning to your car or home always have your keys in hand, ready to open the door.

Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put your wallet in an inside

coat or front pants pocket.

Shop with friends or relatives. There is safety in numbers.

Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

For more safety tips Sheriff Wakefield encourages residents to visit the Michigan Sheriffs' Association website at [www.misheriff.org](http://www.misheriff.org) where you can sign up to receive monthly newsletters.

Founded in 1877, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association is the oldest law enforcement organization in Michigan.

# Briefs

## Church to hold Christmas concert

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will host a unique Christmas experience with the Chancel Choir presenting Glory in the Highest - a New Hallelujah, with soloists Susan Sharp, Carol Lovely, Brian Ashton and Diane Beauchamp on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The church is located at 400 Michigan Ave. All are welcome, this is a free event. MMUMC is a handicap accessible facility.

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Michigan State Police Houghton Lake Post will have troopers at the Grayling Kmart store on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., attempting to stuff a patrol car with gifts. The campaign is referred to as "Stuff a Goose." All toys collected will be given to the local Toys for Tots.

## COA to hold Christmas Dinner

The COA, 308 Lawndale St., will hold a Christmas Dinner on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The meal will include roast beef with gravy, parsley redskins, peas and pearl onions, fruit cocktail and minted brownies. The meal is \$5.25 for those under age 60 and \$2.50 for those over age 60. Dinner is open to the public.

## Crawford County Dems to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will meet on Monday, Dec. 19, 6 p.m., at the Grayling Township Hall. Our special guest will be Derek Bailey, running as US Congressional District Candidate in the Aug. 7 Primary Election. All are welcome.

## Church to hold concert

A combined Christmas concert will be held on Dec. 15, at 7 p.m., at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, 905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop, Grayling, near the high school. Another concert will be held on Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Gaylord. All are welcome.

## Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com), click on community and go to the community calendar.

## Nominations are still being accepted for Freedom Award

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense (DoD) agency, encourages Guard and Reserve members to nominate their supportive employers for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award has only five weeks remaining until the deadline.

The Freedom Award is the DoD's highest award for civilian employers supporting Guard and Reserve members. As our nation faces ongoing national security demands, it is critically important to recognize employers that go above and beyond in their support of Guard and Reserve members and promote their support as a model for others to follow.

More than 1,700 service members have submitted nominations since Nov. 1. Twenty-eight of those nominations came from Michigan Guard and Reserve members. Service members who have yet to nominate their employers are urged to do so now. Nominations may be submitted by service members, or a family member acting on their behalf, at [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil) through Jan. 16, 2012.

"At a time when news of our economic situation is often told in grim terms and negative numbers, the untold stories highlighting thousands of employers showing extraordinary support to their Guard and Reserve employees and their families are really important," said James Rebholz, ESGR National chairman. "Employers' steadfast commitment deserves our recognition and heartfelt gratitude. We are looking to our individual Guard and Reserve members to nominate their employers who are most

deserving of the Department's highest honor - the Secretary of Defense Freedom Award."

The 2012 recipients will be announced in early summer and honored in Washington, D.C. during a special ceremony next fall. All employers - large, small and public - are eligible for nomination. Recipients for the 2011 Freedom Award included diverse employers such as an automotive industry leader, national financial services company, two sheriff's departments, an Arizona town and a church.

The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of ESGR to recognize exceptional support from the employer community. In the years since, 160 employers have been honored with the award. ESGR was established in 1972 to develop and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service. ESGR advocates relevant initiatives, recognizes outstanding support, increases awareness of applicable laws and resolves conflict between service members and employers. Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce.

## Bills introduced to address hydrofracking for oil and gas

Michigan conservation groups and concerned citizens joined last month with Rep. Mark Meadows (D-East Lansing) outside a northern Michigan drilling site to support newly introduced legislation to protect Michigan's waters from fracking.

Three additional events were also held in Lansing, Bloomfield Hills and Grand Rapids to urge the legislature to take action on similar legislation.

Hydraulic fracturing is the propagation of fractures in a rock layer caused by the presence of a pressurized fluid. Hydraulic fractures may form naturally, as in the case of veins or dikes, or may be manmade in order to release petroleum, natural gas, coal seam gas, or other substances for extraction, where the technique is often called fracking or hydrofracing. The practice of hydraulic fracturing has come under scrutiny internationally due to concerns about environmental and health safety, and has been suspended or banned in some countries.

"My livelihood is predicated upon clean water," said Lance Weyeneth, who owns a local business in Gaylord. "Michigan's waters drive our tourism industry and we must ensure that we do not harm our water resources."

The press conference was held outside of an active fracking well pad on Sunset Trail Road between Grayling and Kalkaska. The Excelsior 1-25 HD 1 natural gas well in Kalkaska County, operated by Encana Oil & Gas Inc., is one of several active fracking sites in Michigan, which continue to endanger Michigan waters.

"The common-sense solutions in this package of bills will ensure safeguards are in place to better protect public health and our natural resources," said Nic Clark of Clean Water Action. "By requiring the full disclosure of chemicals used in the fracking process and enacting stronger water and air protections, we are mitigating the risks fracking poses to Michigan's natural resources."

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water resources, including the Great Lakes."

"As a property owner on the AuSable River, I know the incredible value of Michigan's fishing, canoeing, kayaking and hunting economy," Meadows added. "The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that hydrofracking does not impact our water resources."

The package of bills as introduced would:

- Remove the exemption status for the natural gas industry, requiring them to comply to existing state water withdrawal regulations.

- Pushes pause on fracking by establishing a moratorium on drilling for natural gas using hydraulic fracturing in certain shale formations until recommendations are issued by the Hydraulic Fracturing Advisory Committee.

- Require the Departments of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Natural Resources (DNR), to conduct a comprehensive study of the impacts associated with the extraction of natural gas and fracking process.

- Require companies to disclose chemicals being used in drilling and fracking operations in Michigan.

The package of bills were introduced on Thursday, Nov. 3 in the Michigan House of Representatives.

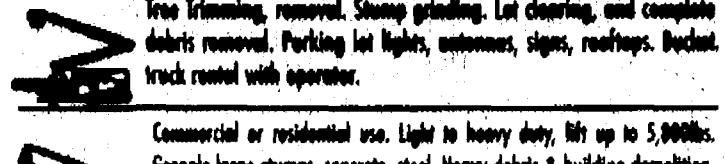
The Protect Michigan Waters from Fracking Campaign is comprised of members from various environmental groups, including Clean Water Action, Sierra Club, the West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC), Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, Lone Tree Council, Michigan Student Sustainability Coalition, and the Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council (NMEAC).

The campaign is calling for common-sense solutions - like the legislation introduced - that will reduce the risk fracking poses to the public and Michigan's natural resources.

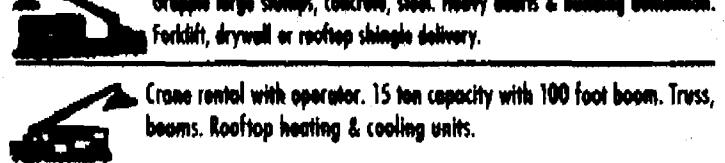
Oct. 18; and Dec. 20.

If community members have any questions, call Legal Services of Northern Michigan at (989) 705-1067.

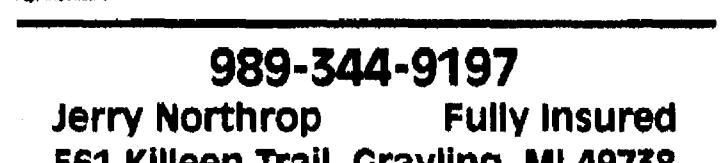
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# The Bible Speaks

## Righteousness in God's Kingdom

Last week we studied in Romans 14:17 what God's kingdom is not, it is not externals, but internals: "17For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

But Jesus rebuked even the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 5:20: "For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." He warned us in Matthew 6:1-4 not to give like them because they give to be seen and honored by other people. He warned us in Matthew 6:5 not to pray like them because they prayed to be seen by others rather than in secret. Jesus said of them in Matthew 23:5: "5But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments." Jesus rebuked them in Matthew 23:8: "8Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

This problem of righteousness was exposed in Romans 9:31:32: "31But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. 32Therefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling-stone." Their stumbling stone was Jesus Christ. Again in Romans 10:1-3: "1Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. 3For they being ignorant of God's right-

eousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

God's true righteousness is the theme of Romans: "16For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." (Romans 1:16,17). As Romans 10:9,10 says, "9That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

This righteousness of God was further revealed and explained in Romans 3:21-24: "21But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus;" God gives this conclusion in Romans 3:28: "28Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." "18For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men." (Rom.14:18). Pastor "B"

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## Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 16 - Lunch - salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts and fruit cocktail. No Dinner. 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Creating Healthy Habits class, 10 a.m. card golf, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo, Pool - 9 Ball and Paint and Draw.

Monday, Dec. 19 - Lunch - beef goulash, cauliflower, peas and grapes. Dinner - liver and onions, mashed potatoes, carrots and peaches. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 p.m. clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, Dec. 20 - Lunch - turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, green beans and orange sections. Dinner - swiss steak with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels

sprouts and watermelon. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. Christmas Carol, Sing-a-Long.

Wednesday, Dec. 21 - Lunch - breaded cod, carrots, cole slaw and applesauce. Dinner - lemon pepper chicken with noodles, carrots, peas, pears and apple turnover. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool-Ball in hand, Wii Bowling and COA board meeting.

Thursday, Dec. 22 - Lunch - hamburger on a bun, lettuce, tomato, potato to salad, baked beans, watermelon and peach crisp. Dinner - Spanish rice, corn, asparagus and pineapple. 10 a.m. crafting and Pokeno, 1 p.m. UNO Attack, UnLucky 7's and pool - 8 Ball, 3 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for Dec. 22-28 will be as follows:

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Dec. 22; 27-28.

This firing schedule is

subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 989-344-6100.

## In Memory of

In Memory of Chas (Gus) Williams.

A light from our household is gone, a voice from our love is stilled, a place in our vacant home which can never be filled. You left us quietly and memories we are proud to own. Treasure

him Lord in the garden of rest, because when he was with us, he was one of the best.

Sadly missed and deeply loved, wife, Sammie; daughter, Sharon and Pat; family and friends

## Obituaries

**John H. Wylie, Jr.**  
Surrounded by loving family, Dr. John Herman Wylie Jr., MD passed away after a brief illness in Grayling, on December 5, 2011.

John was born in Peking, China on June 11, 1926 to Dr. John Herman Wylie Sr., MD and Mary Bushnell Wylie.

A son of Presbyterian missionaries, his early years were strongly influenced by both the Church and contemporary Chinese culture.

As a teenager, he moved to Yorba Linda, California, obtaining a Bachelor of Science from the University of California Berkley and a Medical Doctorate from the University of California San Francisco.

During the Korean War, John served as a lieutenant and ship physician in the United States Navy, stationed on an icebreaker in the North Atlantic. After returning home, he completed a residency in general surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. John had a long and distinguished surgical career on faculty at Henry Ford, in private practice in Okemos, as an Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at Michigan State University Medical School, and as both the Chief of Surgery and Chief of Staff at Ingham Medical Center in Lansing.

Continuing the commitment to Christian service that he learned from his parents, John remained an active and dedicated servant

of the church throughout his life. He was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Churches of Dearborn and of Okemos, Michigan. Among many other commitments, he has recently served as the Christian Worship Chair and the Adult Sunday School Teacher at the Michelson Memorial

United Methodist Church in Grayling. He never stopped serving his church, tirelessly infusing his time, resources, energy and ideas.

John was foremost a caring family man, a generous, loving husband of 59 years to Mary, a warm and gentle father of six children, and the patriarch of three generations of extended family.

His quick wit, genuine, playful personality, and broad interests endeared him to all. He was a natural teacher and willingly shared his expertise in sailing, fishing, scuba, birding, and playing bridge. His intellectual curiosity made him a vast resource on world history, geography, current affairs, and natural science. John loved to socialize and especially relished gatherings involving culinary delicacies.

John's recreational passion was fly fishing. The pristine beauty and placid serenity that define the journey through fly-water were as important to him as was the pursuit of fishing. An avid conservationist, he fought endlessly in matters of water allocation and habitat preservation. He dedicated himself to these

causes through decades of service with the Anglers of the AuSable and the Federation of Fly Fishers.

John and Mary's love of travel took them to China, Thailand, Spain, Costa Rica, Mexico, the Virgin Islands, and throughout North America.

John is preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Ruth Eschbach, Sarah Wylie and Martha Pride; and by his son, David Wylie.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Wylie of Grayling; children: Cathy Hallenbeck (Steve) of Buckeye, Arizona; Michael Wylie (Angela) of Brighton, Michigan; Robert Wylie (Karen Cahoy) of Lakeside, Arizona; Carol Lentz (Amy Brow) of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Lisa Bulko (Rudy) of Jackson, Michigan; grandchildren: Nathan Wylie, Jacob Wylie, Melissa Wylie, Leon Albert, Samuel Wylie, Miles Lentz, Corey Lentz, Hunter Brow, Ake Youngdahl, Anna Bulko, Reuben Bulko, Josef Bulko, and Gwendolyn Bulko.

A memorial service will

## Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 60 complaints the week of Dec. 5 - Dec. 11.

One natural death, 10 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minors, three false alarm activations, one assault and battery/simple assault, one burglary-forced entry-residence, one larceny, two larcenies-other, one fraud, one damage to property-other, one marijuana-possession, one dangerous drugs, one liquor violations, one disorderly conduct, two public peace dis-

orderly complaints, one anarchism, two accidents-failure to report, two health and safety complaints, one conservation, two miscellaneous arrests, three traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, nine investigations-family trouble, six suspicious situations, two lost and found property reports, two driving on revoked/suspended license complaints and one reckless driving.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

## Library News

Twas' the Night/Week Before Christmas...an annual family holiday celebration, will be held at Devereaux Memorial Library on Friday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. Families are invited to wear their jammies and stay for songs, stories, crafts and food.

Some out of this world surprises in store and a prize for the cutest p.j.'s. Call 989-348-9214 for additional information.

The Frederic Community Library invites you to a "Frederic Family Christmas" holiday program on Saturday, Dec.

17 at 11 a.m. Join Miss Connie (one of Santa's favorite elves) for Christmas stories and a gingerbread house making craft.

Children can surprise someone special in their life with a handmade gift this holiday season. Get creative at the Devereaux Memorial Library's "Kid's Kraft Korner" on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 3:30 p.m. Coupon books, ornaments and bookmarks to name a few. Call Jane at 989-348-9214 for more info.

## Military News

Niklas S. Hebekeuser has been promoted to the rank of major in the Michigan Air National Guard.

Hebekeuser, who is rated as an instructor pilot in the KC-135 Stratotanker, serves as the chief of safety for the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Previously serving as an enlisted member of the U.S. Air Force, Hebekeuser entered pilot training shortly after

earning his commission in 2001. He served as a KC-135 pilot with the 927th Air Refueling Wing of the Air Force Reserve at Selfridge and transferred to the Michigan Air National Guard when the 927th relocated to Florida in 2008.

As the chief of safety, Hebekeuser oversees safety programs for all flying, weapons and ground operations at Selfridge.

Hebekeuser is a 1993 graduate of Grayling High School, as is his wife, the former Gretchen Dice.

Hebekeuser's parents are Gerald and Barbara Hebekeuser of Owosso.

## Raffle Winners

### Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 11 of \$25 each; Barbara Ordiway, Jan Thorne, George Klee, Teresa Gothro, Lynn Starr and Sharon Johnson.

### Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle on Dec. 2 was Gloria Neilson and Dec. 9 was Nancy Davis.

## Honors

### Kirtland Community College

The Kirtland Regional Police Academy recognized the Fall 2011 graduating class at a commencement ceremony held at the Kirtland Center for Performing Arts on Nov. 4. Natasha Kress, of Grayling, was among 14 graduating academy cadets comprising Class 33.

## Births

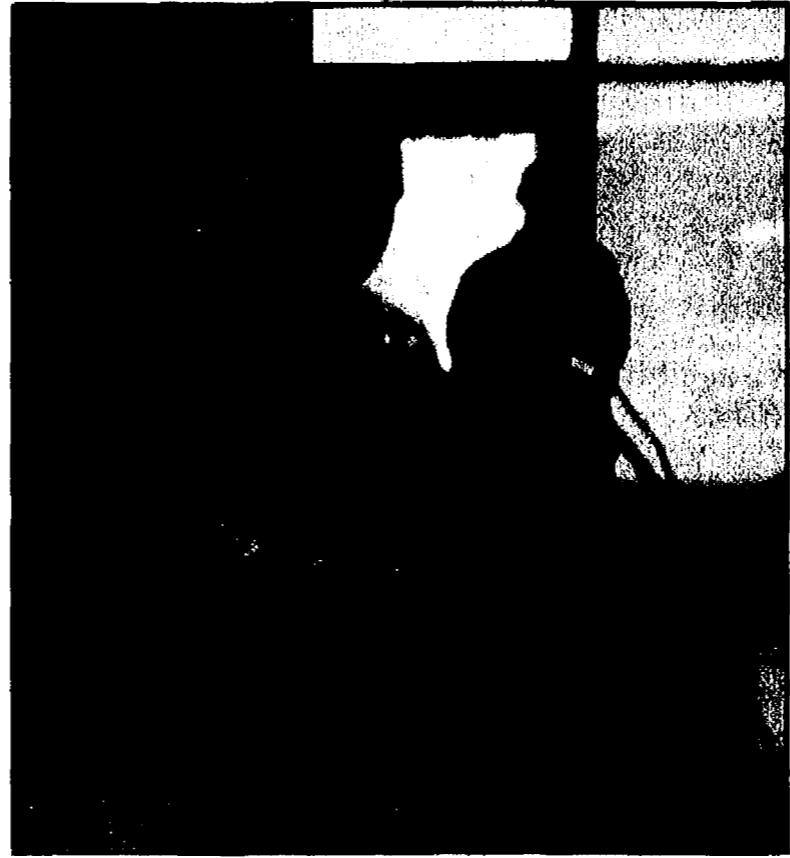
Rhonda Briggs and Chris Stajkowski, of Roscommon, announce the birth of a son, Garrett Daniel, born at Mercy Hospital on December 5, 2011, at 8:08 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 15 oz., and measuring 19 inches in length.



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## Troops celebrate 375th anniversary of the National Guard at Camp Grayling



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Troops based at Camp Grayling as well as Michigan National Guard Troops visiting the base to identify resources for upcoming missions celebrated the 375th anniversary of the National Guard, 1636 to 2011, on Tuesday, Dec. 13. Above left, Col. Erich Randall, the Camp Grayling commander, delivers a speech to the troops. Below, Randall cuts a cake with a sword, which is a National Guard tradition as a reminder that the troops are a band of warriors, committed to carrying the sword, so our nation may live in peace. The first piece of cake is presented to the oldest National Guard in the command, signifying the honor and respect accorded to experience and seniority. The eldest National Guard soldier then passes a piece of cake to the youngest National Guard member, signifying how they will be nurtured to fill the ranks. Above right, Chief Warrant Officer-3 James McGee, born on May 18, 1953, passed a piece of cake to Cadet Megan McBride, born on Oct. 10, 1991, during the ceremony. Both soldiers are based at Camp Grayling.



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# Annual Farm by Lantern Light event to include play

Ever wonder what it was like at Christmas time many years ago? During the Great Depression, for instance? In 1932 there were over 11 million people in the United States who were out of work and had no source of income at all. Farmers especially were hard hit because there was little sale for their produce and milk products. Farmers were able to exist only by taking their produce, baked goods, butter and cheese into a store and trading it for items like sugar, tea, coffee and thread.

Traditions were very strong in the farming communities of the Great Depression and the most

important social event of the season was the Annual Christmas Program at the school. But, what happens when the Christmas Program is threatened to be canceled? It's all there in a play entitled "A Place Called Wellington," which is part of the "Farm By Lantern Light" event presented each holiday season at Wellington Farm Park. The play is locally written and produced and is based upon an event that supposedly happened there over 80 years ago.

The play is set in a small mid-Michigan farming community that actually existed from the early 1880s until the late 1930s. For

four evenings each December - the 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th this year - Wellington Farm Park lights its entire farm center area with kerosene lanterns for an event called "The Farm By Lantern Light." Included in the event is a performance of "A Place Called Wellington." The play begins in the farm's Visitor Center while patrons are waiting for their sleigh ride into the farm. On the ride into the historic farm, a costumed lantern guide sets the stage for the remainder of the show.

Many Michigan families now include the "Farm By Lantern Light" as part of their holiday traditions and

## Michigan Envirothon seeking competitors

High school students who are interested in the environment and enjoy the outdoors are encouraged to compete in the 2012 Michigan Envirothon. The Michigan Envirothon is an outdoor environmental competition sponsored by the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts.

At Michigan Envirothon competitions, teams of high school students are tested on their conservation knowledge and skills. Regional and state competitions are held with the overall winner representing Michigan at the Canon North American Envirothon. The Canon North American Envirothon includes teams from across the United States and Canada.

Students interested in participating in the Michigan Envirothon register as a team of five students, each team must have an adult advisor. The deadline for registering for the Michigan Envirothon is Feb. 8, with a registration fee of \$100 for each team. Any high school

student in Michigan is eligible to participate in the Envirothon.

Michigan Envirothon gives students the opportunity to learn about the environment by working with natural resources professionals from state, federal and other conservation organizations. Team members use their environmental knowledge and the skills they learn to compete in hands-on outdoor competitions. Each team also completes a community outreach project addressing a natural resources concern in their community.

Teams first compete in regional competitions held

in March in preparation for the state competition. In 2012 the state competition will be held from May 9 to 11 at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. The Canon North American Envirothon will be held from July 22 to July 28 at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Penn.

The Michigan Envirothon was established in 1994. In 2011, 28 teams, including 163 students, participated in the competition. For more information about the Michigan Envirothon including registration materials contact Michigan Envirothon by phone at

as a result reservations are an absolute must. Requests for seats began coming into the Farm Park office in early October. The farm began accepting reservations on Nov. 1. Anyone interested in reserving seats or gaining more information about the performance should call (989) 348-5187 and leave their name and phone number, or email [welfar32@gmail.com](mailto:welfar32@gmail.com). Reservations can also be made by visiting the farm's website at [www.wellington-farmpark.org](http://www.wellington-farmpark.org) and signing the guest book. Wellington Farm Park, Inc. is a 501(C)3 nonprofit corporation.

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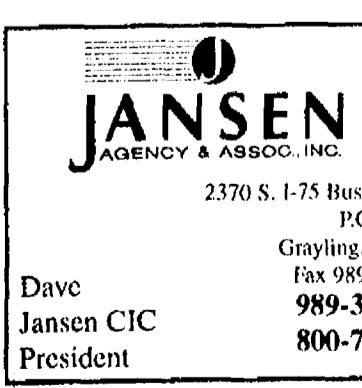


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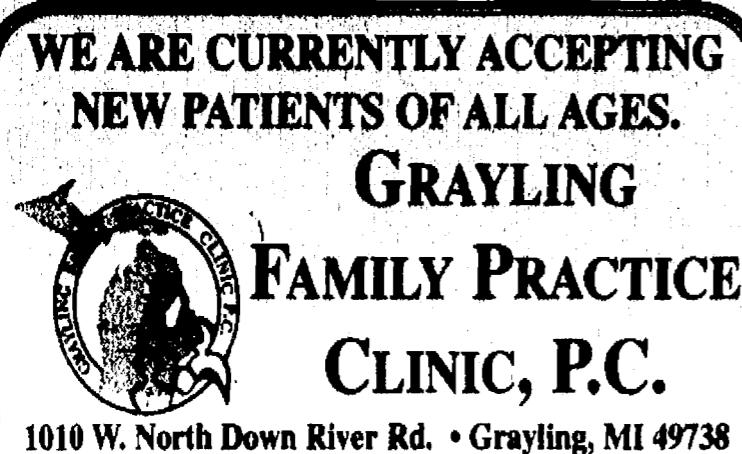


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Project Graduation volunteers raised about \$200 during a can drive held at the Ole Dam Party Store on Saturday. Project Graduation is an important evening for seniors because it's their last evening as a class and the community's goal is to keep them safe and to give them a night to remember. Project Graduation will continue collecting cans with drop points at Grayling St. Mary and the Medicine Shoppe. Those who would like to make a donation may do so by mailing a check to: GHS Projection Graduation, 1135 North Old US 27, Grayling, MI 49738. Another pop can drive will be planned in the near future. Above, Zachary Schreiber and Travis Schreiber are pictured holding a sign that says, "Help support Project Graduation, a drug and alcohol free seniors up all night party."

Top, the Schreibers help Chris Sheldon sort cans at the Ole Dam Party Store.

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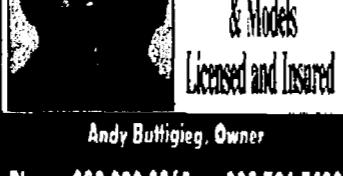
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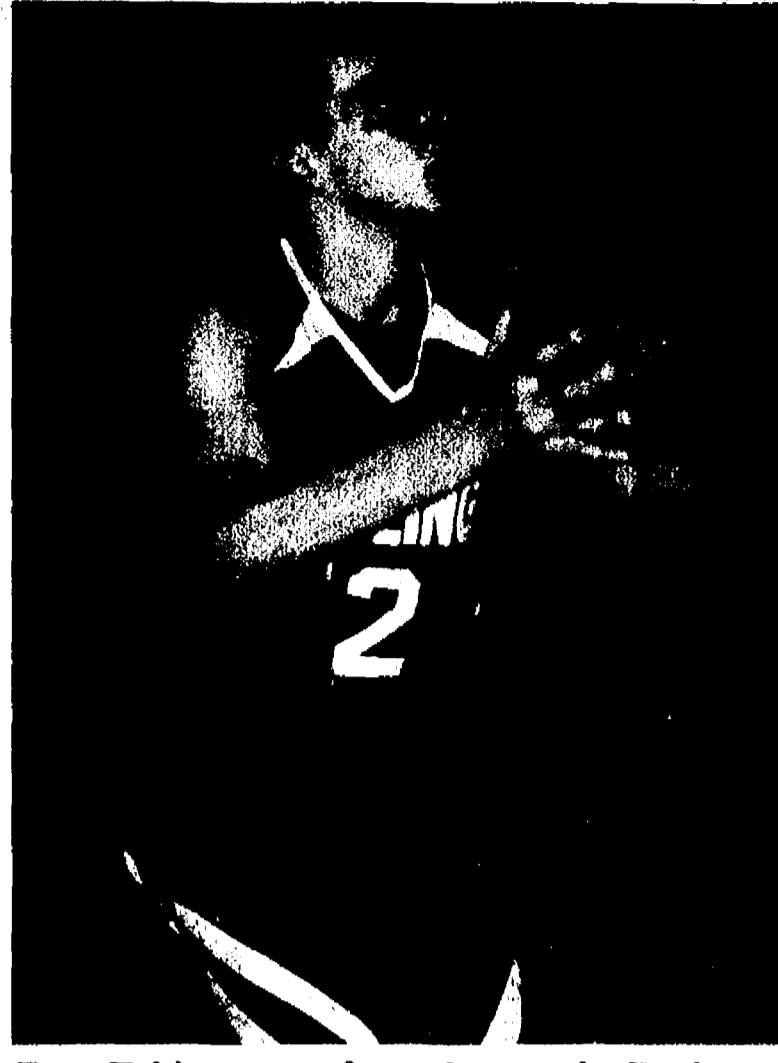
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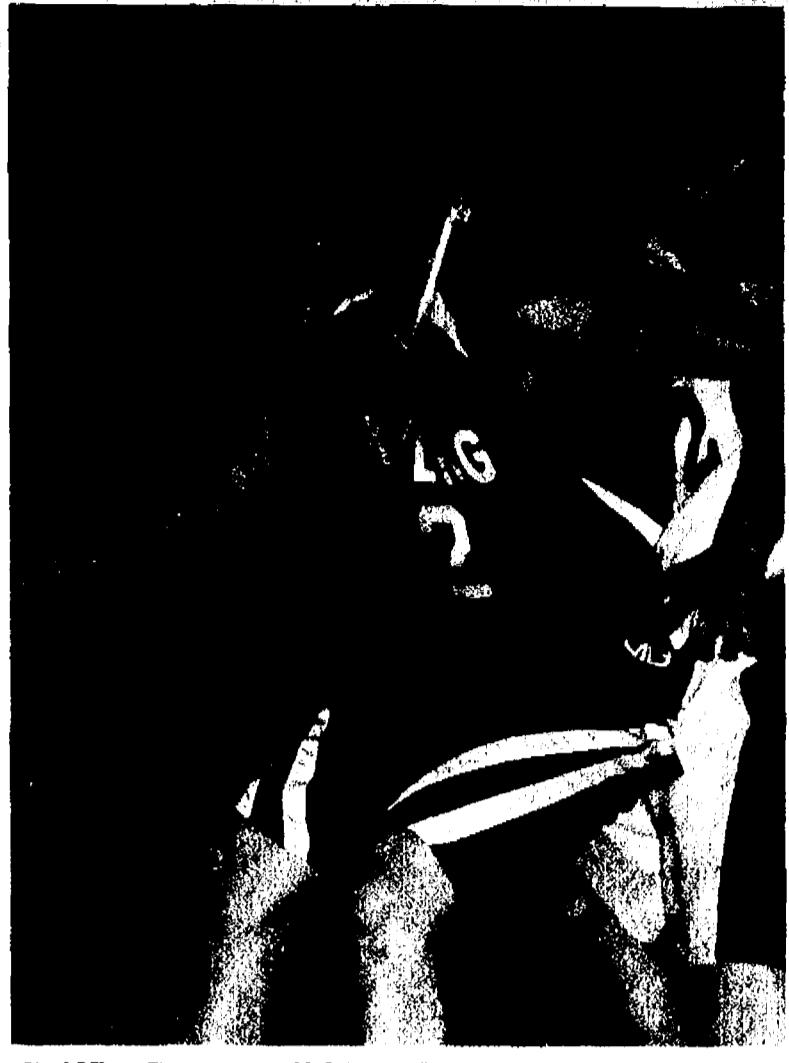
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Riley Zigila drives toward the basket for the Vikings vs. Roscommon.



Zane Tobin sets up for a shot vs. the Bucks on Tuesday night.



Griffin Dean dribbles the ball near the key during last week's game at Roscommon.

## Vikings start year with 76-43 win at Roscommon

Ten different players score points for GHS in season opener

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings started strong vs. the Roscommon Bucks on Tuesday night - Grayling, the visiting team playing in its season opener, led 20-4 after one quarter - and they eventually won the nonconference varsity boys basketball match by a final score of 76-43, outscoring the Bucks in all four quarters of the game.

Grayling started the contest with a 10-0 run, scoring on an inside shot by Thomas Burrell, a three-pointer by Burrell, one free throw from Steven Enos, and two baskets by Riley Zigila.

Roscommon hit the next two shots and then Grayling finished the first period with another 10-0 run. The series included baskets by Griffin Dean, Scott Parkinson, Zane Tobin, and Burrell, plus two free throws from Jake Swander.

The Vikings led 20-4.

Grayling outscored Roscommon 16-12 in the

second period to lead by 20, 36-16, at halftime. The Vikings got their 16 points from a triple by Tobin, a put-back by Enos, an inside shot by Dean, two free throws from Zigila, one free throw and a drive by Enos, and two free throws from Tobin.

The Vikings opened the second half with a 12-0 run, a series of points that included a triple from Zigila, a put-back by Enos, a lay-up by Zigila, a three-point play by Enos, and a jumper by Burrell.

Grayling took a 55-28 advantage into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings scored on an inside shot by Enos. Enos hit a three-pointer at the 6:45 mark. Zigila completed a three-point play to put the Vikings up by 33 (63-30).

Grayling scored 13 more down the stretch with two free throws by Mason Krey, a drive by Parkinson, a triple by Tyler Powers, two more free throws from Krey, one free throw from Powers, and a three-pointer by Tobin.

and a three-pointer by Wes Dean.

Grayling won 76-43.

"I was pleased with our effort at both ends of the court. Offensively, our kids did a great job of sharing the basketball. Our floor spacing was outstanding and we found the open man through unselfish play. This is a veteran group that understands that team play is going to bring success to our team," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Defensively, we did a nice job early in the game of establishing our presence around the rim. At times we played very well. We need to find a consistency at the defensive end of the court."

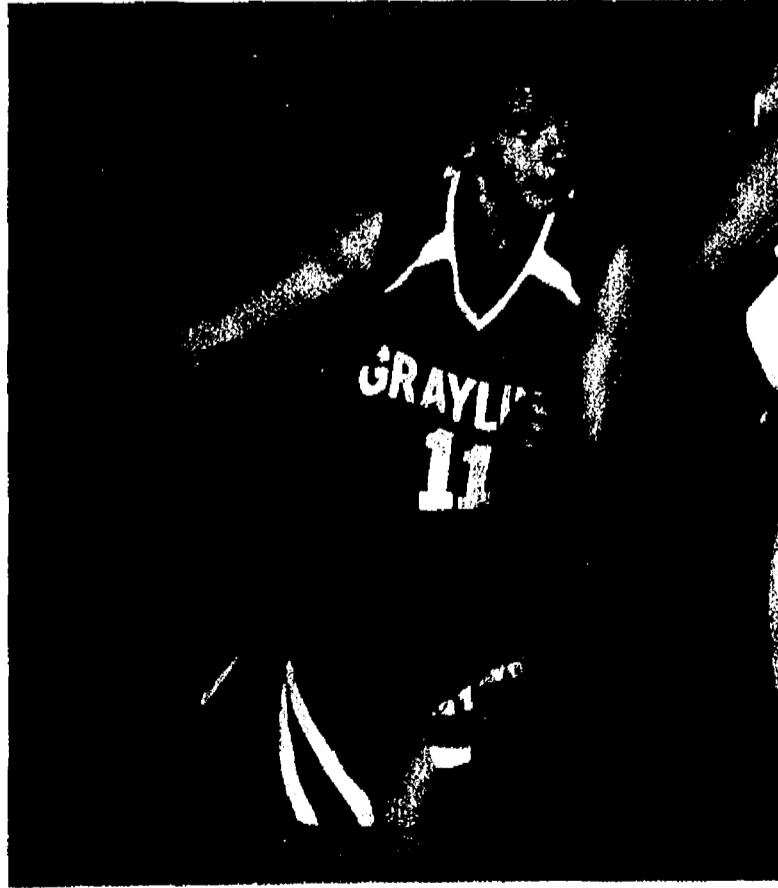
Ten different Vikings scored points in the contest.

Enos finished with 16 points. Zigila had 14 points. Tobin had 11 points. Burrell had nine points. According to the team, Dean and Burrell each had seven rebounds. Tobin led the Vikings in assists with six and Enos had a team-high five steals.

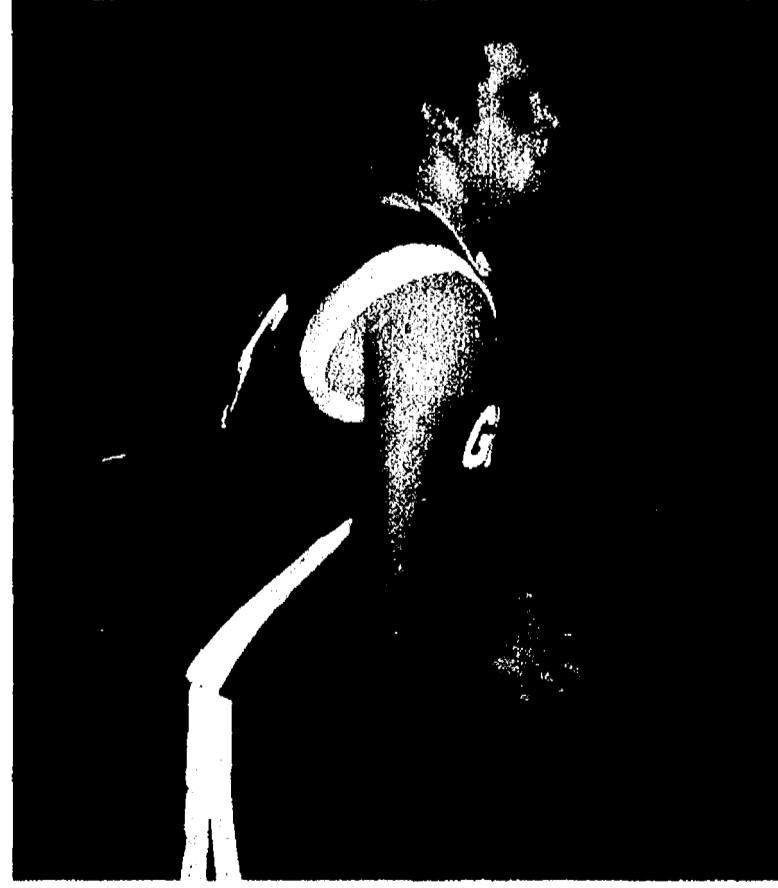


Steven Enos handles the ball for Grayling during the team's season opener at Roscommon High School on Tuesday.

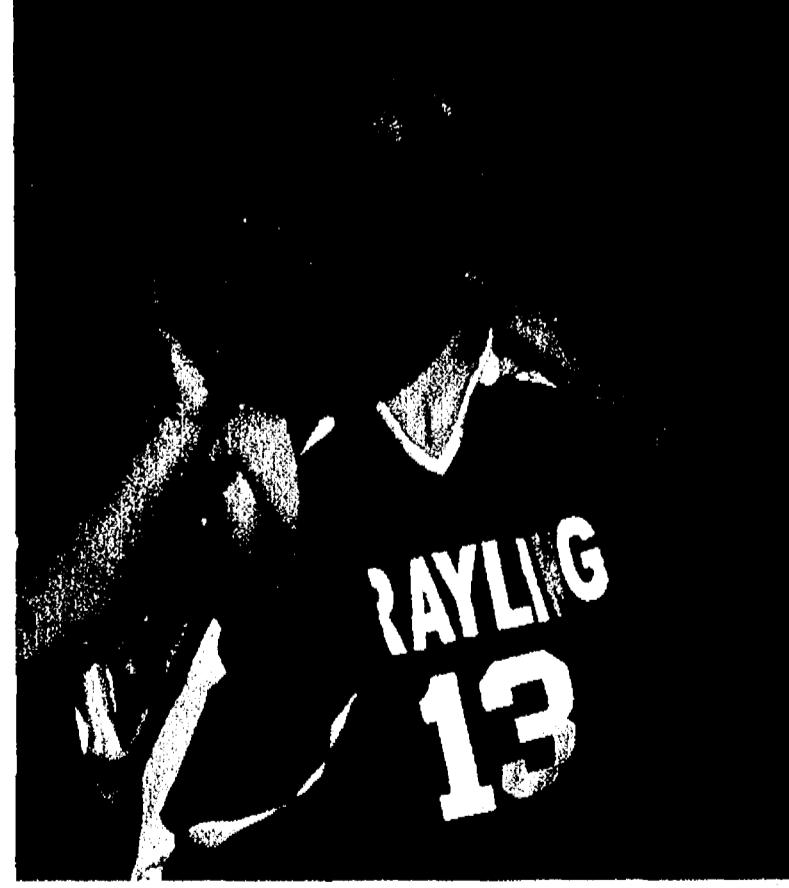
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Tyler Powers dribbles the ball for Grayling on Tuesday night.



Thomas Burrell handles the ball for the Vikings vs. Roscommon.



Wes Dean shoots for Grayling during last week's game at Roscommon.

## GRAYLING FALLS TO GLEN LAKE 75-74

The GHS varsity boys basketball team lost by one point, 75-74, at Glen Lake in a nonconference game on Friday night. The Lakers outscored Grayling 21-12 in the fourth quarter to win it.

"We played very well in the middle of the third quarter when we opened up a 15-point

lead; however, we stopped doing the things that made us successful, like sharing the basketball and playing hard-nosed defense. Free throw shooting was terrible in the fourth quarter - 2 of 9 - and that is an area that we need to improve," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We had better make this loss a

learning lesson and get back to what has made us successful in the past: playing as a team, playing tough defense, and sharing the basketball."

Steven Enos had 15 points, eight rebounds, and five assists for Grayling. Griffin Dean had 13 points and eight

rebounds. Scott Parkinson scored 13 points and Zane Tobin scored 11. Riley Zigila had 10 points and eight assists. Thomas Burrell finished with seven points and six rebounds.

The Vikings (1-1 overall, 0-0 league) will play in a conference game at Harbor Springs on Friday, Dec. 16.

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Michael Branch, left, dribbles the ball for the JV Vikings on Tuesday night vs. the Bucks. Peyton Zigila, right, handles the ball for Grayling at Roscommon.

## JV basketball team wins 62-30 in season opener

by Caleb Casey

Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team won 62-30 in its season opener at Roscommon on Tuesday night.

The Vikings outscored the Bucks 13-4 in the first period. Grayling scored its 13 points with two free throws from Michael Branch, an inside shot by Branch, a jumper by Tyler McClanahan, a lay-up by Brandon Latusek, a put-back by Tyler Summers, and one free throw from Scott Wakeley.

Grayling added 20 points to its total in the second quarter. The Vikings started the period with a drive by McClanahan and an inside shot by Justice Juntila. Matt Burrell scored on a drive to the basket. Summers hit a jump shot. Grayling also scored second quarter points with a jumper by McClanahan, four free throws from Juntila, a jump shot by Wakeley, a drive by McClanahan, and an inside shot by Summers.

The Vikings led 33-18 at halftime.

Grayling scored eight points in the third quarter with a jump shot by McClanahan, a three-point play by Juntila, and a triple by Burrell.

Grayling led 41-26 going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings outscored Roscommon 18-0 in the first 5:30 of the fourth period. The 18-0 run included a three-point play by Wakeley, a lay-up by McClanahan, four baskets by Juntila, one free throw



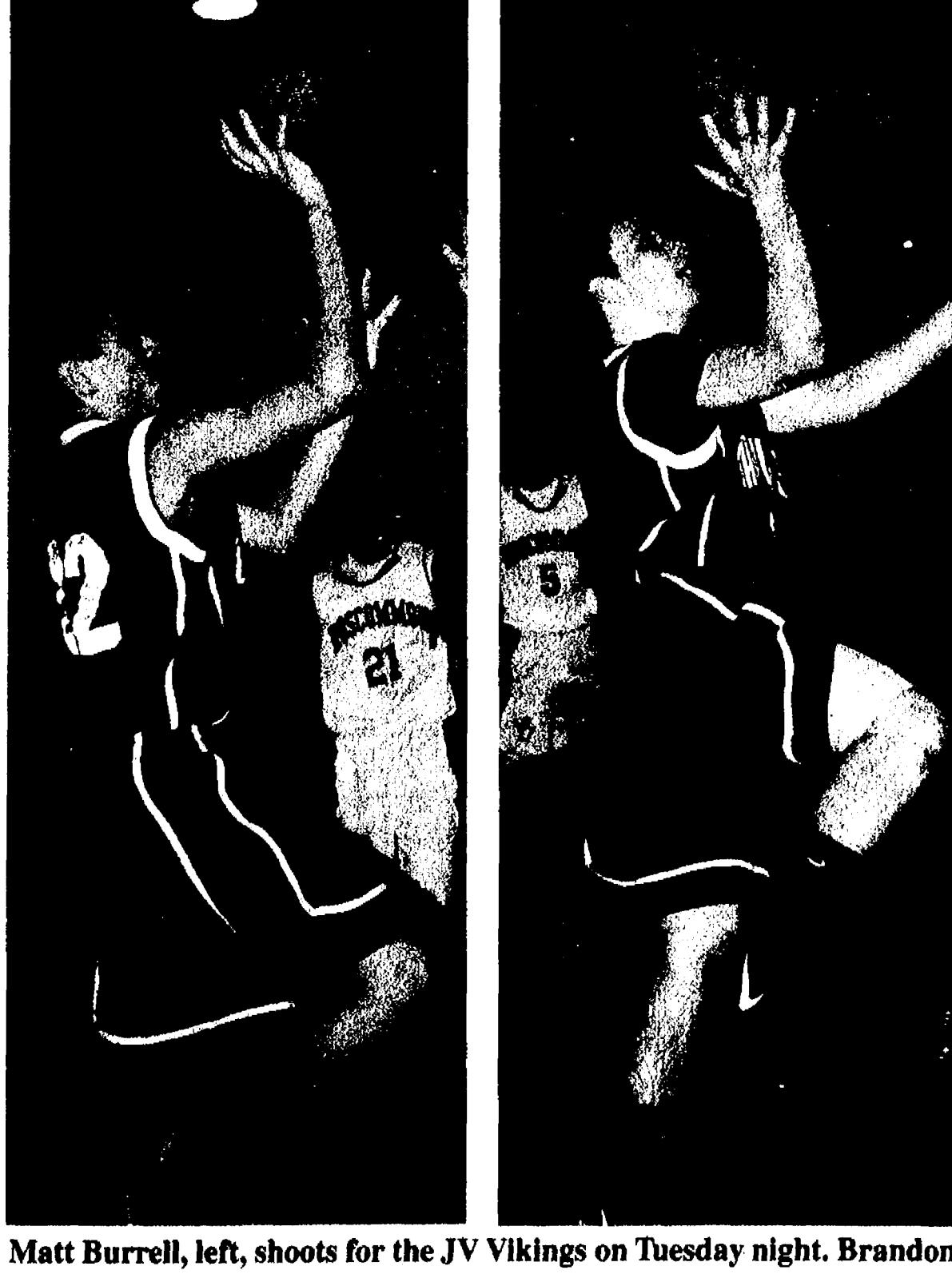
Mitchell Thompson looks for an open teammate on Tuesday.

from Branch, a jump shot by Burrell, and a jumper by Peyton Zigila.

Grayling won by 32, 62-

30.

Juntila had 17 points for the Vikings. McClanahan finished with 12 points.



Matt Burrell, left, shoots for the JV Vikings on Tuesday night. Brandon Latusek, right, drives to the basket for a lay-up vs. the Bucks.

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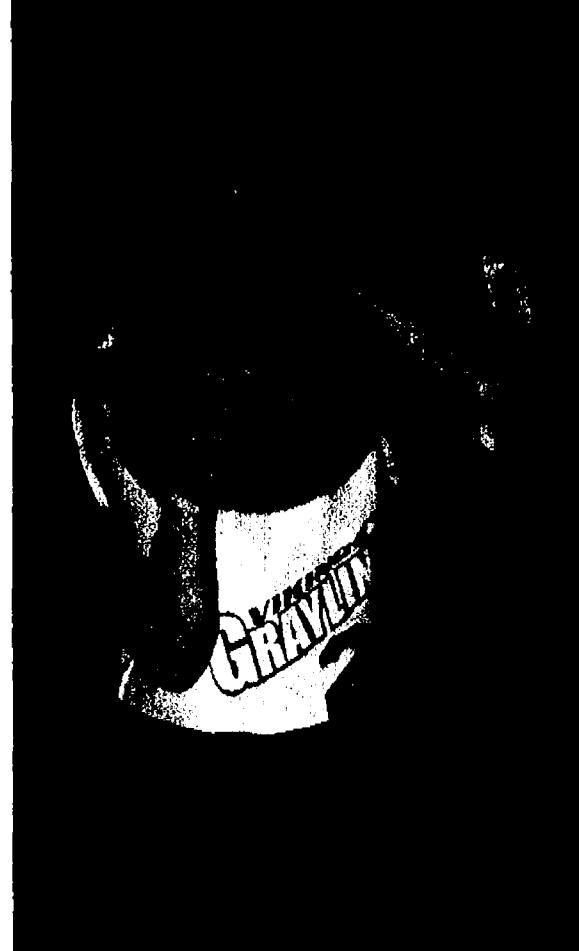
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Koedy Dole, left, shoots the ball for the GMS 7th grade team vs. Charlevoix on Monday. Darren Johnston, right, handles the ball for Grayling during last week's game vs. the Rayders.

## GMS Boys Basketball

### 7th grade team

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade boys basketball squad cut a 14-6 halftime deficit to two points late in the game, but the team was unable to complete the comeback and lost by a final score of 28-21 on Monday vs. the visiting Charlevoix Rayders.

The score was tied at 6-6 at the end of the first quarter. Grayling did not score in the second period and trailed by eight at halftime. The Vikings trailed by only two with 3:00 left. They cut the deficit to two again with 1:41 remaining in the contest, but Charlevoix pulled away down the stretch.

"The team showed a lot of heart in this game. We played with more consistency except offensively in the second quarter. The score was 6-6 at the end of the first but we did not score a point in the second. Again it was our inability to hit the open shot," Coach Craig Hofman said. "The team showed a lot of heart and fight in them tonight. They could have easily given in but instead they played harder, more consistent defense, which gave us some easy baskets to get back into the game."

Troy Summers had 14 points for GMS. Josh Hetfield scored seven points.

On Wednesday, the Vikings led 16-14 at halftime of a home game vs. Elk Rapids, but the Elks pulled away in the second half. Elk Rapids won 38-27.

"This game was proof that this team is improving every day. Elk Rapids is a good athletic team and we were able to stay with them the whole game. We made huge improvements over the first contest. Even though



Fred Fisher looks for an open teammate vs. Elk Rapids on Wednesday.



Josh Hetfield looks to shoot during last week's game against Elk Rapids.

the point totals were about the same at the end we were able to compete the whole way through. We struggled a little against the press in the third, which gave the Elks a six-point lead, but the

team continued to fight and keep the game close," Coach Hofman said.

Fred Fisher led the team with 10 points. Summers added seven. Darren Johnston had six points.



Tjerek DeWitt handles the ball for the 7th grade Vikings vs. Elk Rapids on Wednesday.

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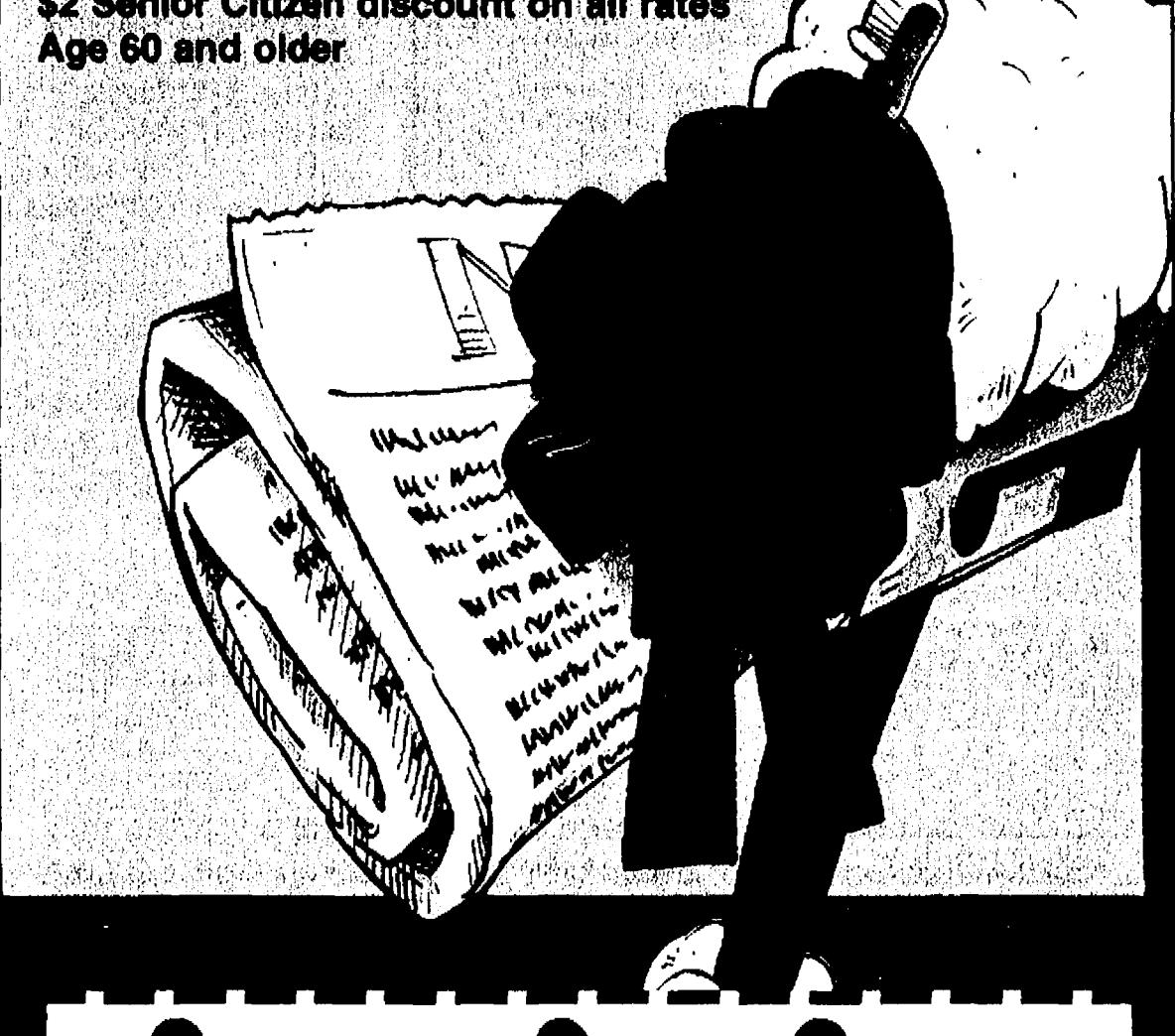
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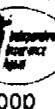
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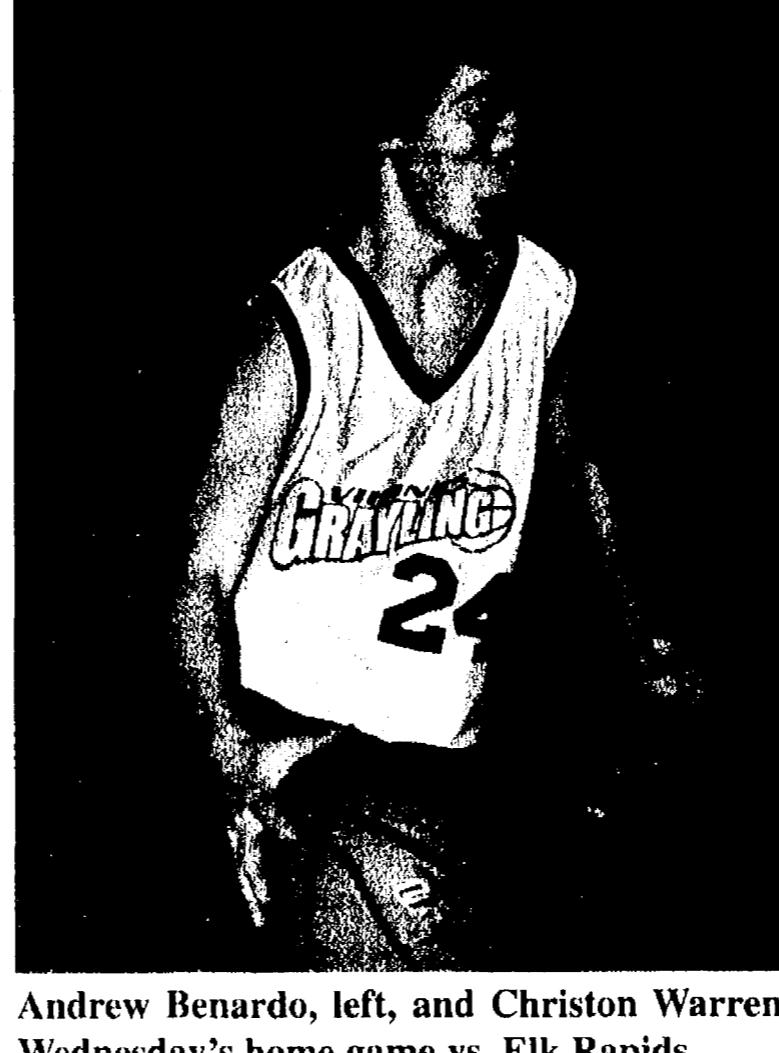
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Andrew Benardo, left, and Christon Warren, right, dribble the ball for Grayling during last Wednesday's home game vs. Elk Rapids.

## GMS Boys Basketball

### 7th/8th grade team

The GMS 7th/8th grade combo team won both of its games last week, defeating Charlevoix and Elk Rapids on Monday and Wednesday, respectively. The victories improved the team's overall record to 7-1.

On Monday, the Vikings beat the Charlevoix Rayders 25-20 in a game played at GMS.

"The kids played good," Coach Jeff McMann said.

Thomas Barnes had 15 points for Grayling. Fred Shippy, Greg Alma, Shane McCleave, Alex Ferrigan, and Andrew Benardo each scored two points for the Vikings.

On Wednesday, the team won 26-12 vs. the visiting Elk Rapids Elks. Grayling led 4-0 at the end of the first

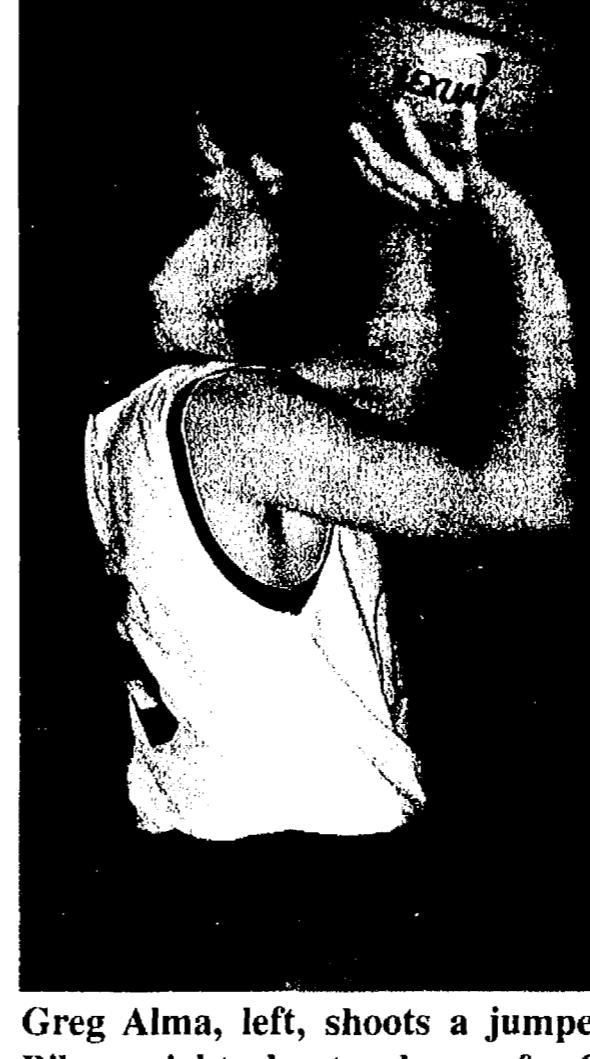
quarter. The Vikings had a 9-2 advantage at halftime and they took a 15-6 lead into the fourth period.

Christon Warren scored eight points for the Vikings. Barnes also had eight points for GMS. Jeremy Garcia and Shippy scored four points apiece. McCleave had two points.

"All 10 kids played a tough game, defense-wise," Coach McMann said.

especially Christon Warren, who scored eight points and was the top scorer along with Thomas Barnes.

Jeremy Garcia played a great defensive game; same thing with Fred Shippy, boxing out underneath. Thomas Barnes and Shane McCleave did a good job swinging the ball around, getting it to the open guy," Coach McMann said.



Greg Alma, left, shoots a jumper vs. Charlevoix on Monday. Todd Bilyeu, right, shoots a lay-up for Grayling vs. Elk Rapids.

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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW. ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior / Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1999-2, by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as Servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents ("Green Tree"), by Mortgage Assignment dated October 24, 2011, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on November 15, 2011, in Liber 706, Page(s) 826, et seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$54,179.68, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Debtor to Green Tree together with interest at 6.75 percent per annum. NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et seq., on January 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 136, INDIAN GLENS OF THE USABLE UNIT #2, TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE

RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 12, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS, which also includes any interest Green Tree may have in the 1998 Fortune Mobile Home, Serial Number 02154M. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is established to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241(a) was posted and mailed. Dated: December 2, 2011 U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior / Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1999-2, by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as Servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents By: DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183) BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & PEZZETTI, P.C. Attorneys for Green Tree 1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817 Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817 (231) 941-9660 File No.: 6140.0988 Ad #17580 12/08, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29/2011

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# Legal Action

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Lee A. Danner and Helen L. Danner, husband and wife as joint tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for Charterwest Mortgage LLC its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2005 and recorded April 11, 2005 in Liber 674 Page 889 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage Inc., by assignment dated June 8, 2011 and recorded June 21, 2011 in Liber 705, Page 422, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Forty-Two Cents (\$88,382.42) including interest 6.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on January 11, 2012 Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6 and the West one half of Lot 5, of Block 12, Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 11, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 1000 Ogemaw Street, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 12/08/2011 CitiMortgage, Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potevio & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-51190 (12-08)(12-29)

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## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of certain Mortgage made by RANDY C. PIIPONEN, a single man, of 105 Henning Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, with its Office being located at 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO, 63120, the Mortgagee, the Mortgage being dated June 15, 2005, and recorded June 28, 2005, in Liber 676, Page 80 in Crawford County Records, such Mortgage being given to secure Promissory Note payable to the Government, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of December 1, 2011, for principal, interest and other charges, the sum of ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX AND 92/100 (\$119,776.92) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative; Now, Therefore, Notice is Herby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County Courthouse at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgage together with 5.625% interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said Mortgage are situated in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan and are described as: Lots 15 and 16, JONASSEN SUBDIVISION #2, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 41, Crawford County Records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center, Foreclosure Centralization Initiative, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO, 63120, telephone (800) 349-5097 ext. 4500. Dated: December 1, 2011 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home

Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee Michael L. Conlon (P43954) Running, Wise, Ford, P.L.C. 326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686 Traverse City, MI 49685-0686

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## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR IF YOU ARE IN BANKRUPTCY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Danielle Weatherly, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2005 and recorded April 4, 2005 in Liber 674, Page 509, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Five and 65/100 Dollars (\$46,555.65) including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 18, 2012.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 18, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 18, thence S89°21'W along East and West 1/4 line 100 feet; thence S02°05'40"W parallel with East Section line 100 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S02°05'40"W 133.60 feet; thence N87°04'30"W 149.85 feet; thence N02°05'40"E 124.25 feet; thence N89°21'E 150 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Commencing at the East 1/4 corner

Section 18, Town 26 North, Range

3 West, thence S89°21'W along the

1/4 line 100 feet to the Point of

Beginning; thence S2°05'40"W

100 feet; thence S89°21'W 198

feet, thence N2°05'40"E 100 feet, thence N89°21'E 198 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Also, by separate sale, I will be

selling the interest of Defendant,

CDC & Company, Inc., d/b/a Ted's

Canadian Steak & Fish Company,

in a certain license to sell alcoholic

beverages issued by the Michigan

Liquor Control Commission.

Dated: November, 2011.

Sandra Moore

Crawford County Clerk

John E. Roszczyk (P22847)

Attorney for Plaintiff

P.O. Box 535

Roscommon, MI 48653

(989) 275-8966

-8-15-22-29-5-12-20

STATE OF

MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF

CRAWFORD

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 11-7972-DE

Estate of Harold W. Merrill, Jr.

a/k/a Harold William Merrill, Jr.

Deceased. Date of birth: May 18,

1927.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The

decedent, Harold W. Merrill, Jr.

a/k/a Harold William Merrill, Jr.

Deceased, who lived at 5703 Jerry

Lane, Frederic, Michigan died

August 28, 2011.

Creditors of the decedent are noti-

fied that all claims against the

estate will be forever barred unless

presented to Douglas W. Merrill,

named personal representative or

proposed personal representative,

or to both the probate court at 200

W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI

49738 and the named/proposed

personal representative within 4

months after the date of publication

of this notice.

Date 11-30-11

Attorney name

Wakefield, Sutherland & Lubera,

P.L.C.

Robert R. Lubera, Esq. P56702

23100 Jefferson Avenue

St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

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# Features

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



December 15, 1988 - Ann Kurzer, of the Grayling State Bank, is shown here with her Yuletide scene she created in the lobby of the downtown bank.

### 23 Years Ago

December 15, 1988

The Elementary School choir sang for a lunch hour audience at the Capitol building in Lansing on December 5.

The theme of Mardi Gras is creating excitement for the 1990 Miss Grayling Area Pageant. The 10 contestants this year are Amy Jo Denton, Dawn Elekonich, Janice Helsel, Stephanie Hindmarsh, Melissa Kellogg, Ann Moshier, Wanda Pearsall, Wendy Pearsalt, Amy Smith and Heidi Stephenson.

Fourteen residents have been entered in the 1988 Home Decorating Contest

sponsored by GPA. Area residents who entered are Sherry Haag, Jack and Nita Millikin, Joanne Michal, Mac McPherson, Dennis Kuhn, Virginia Milliken, Lawrence Smith, Michael Zaney, Lora Gould, Pauline Hattfield, Alan Peterson, Janet Brown, Cynthia Haranczak and Norman and Bonnie Poll.

The Grayling Vikings varsity girls basketball team's Most Valuable Player Award was shared this year by Lori Gust and Melanie Ojala.

Three members of the Grayling Vikings varsity girls basketball team were named to the Michigan Huron Shores League's All

Conference Team. Selected for the First Team were seniors Lori Gust and Patti Millikin, Joanne Michal, Mac McPherson, Dennis Kuhn, Virginia Milliken, Lawrence Smith, Michael Zaney, Lora Gould, Pauline Hattfield, Alan Peterson, Janet Brown, Cynthia Haranczak and Norman and Bonnie Poll.

John Gay, leading tackler for the Grayling Vikings football team was named to the Michigan Huron Shores All Conference football team. Seniors Ted Baynham and Rusty Argue received Honorable Mention.

### 46 Years Ago

December 16, 1965

The Kenneth Carlisle family of Saginaw has purchased the Stephan Canoe

Livery at the State Street Bridge in Grayling, and the Stephan home at 101 State Street, ownership to become effective January 1, 1966.

Sandy Thompson and Bob Smock took members of the GHS varsity basketball team of Mt. Pleasant last week to see Central play.

### 69 Years Ago

December 17, 1942

Leonard Allison has purchased the Nellist house at 608 Chestnut Street. Mr. Allison is serving as a fish culturist here for the Department of Conservation.

The Avalanche has a lot of readers who have been subscribers for many years. Among them is Ernie Babbitt. Ernie says he has paid his subscription here for 46 years now without missing a year. That's a fine record.

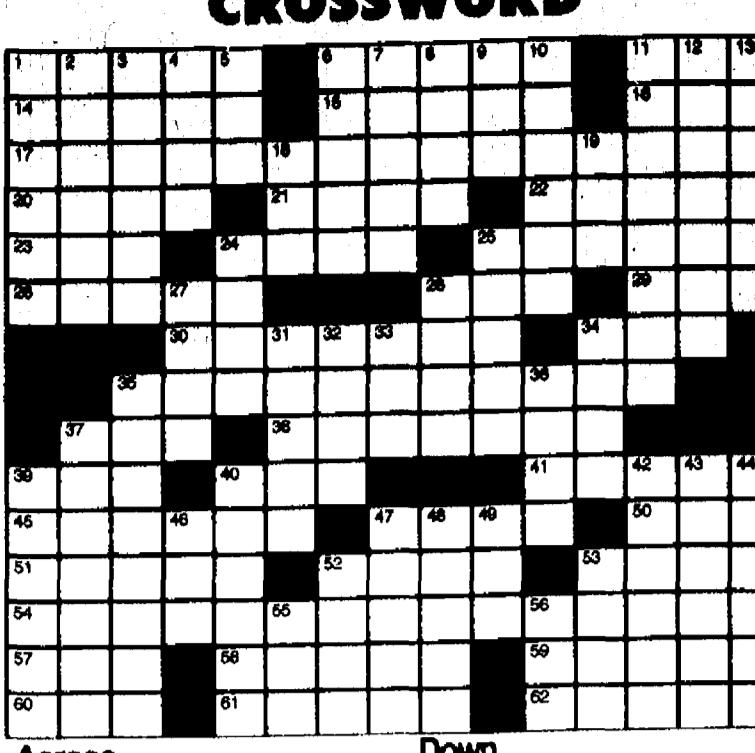
### 92 Years Ago

December 18, 1919

The Salling Hanson Company Planing Mill closed down on Friday of last week for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpson have moved into the residence on Chestnut Street, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lamb.

Thorwald Peterson has accepted a position with the Michigan Central Railroad Co., succeeding Otto Nelson who has resigned.



### Across

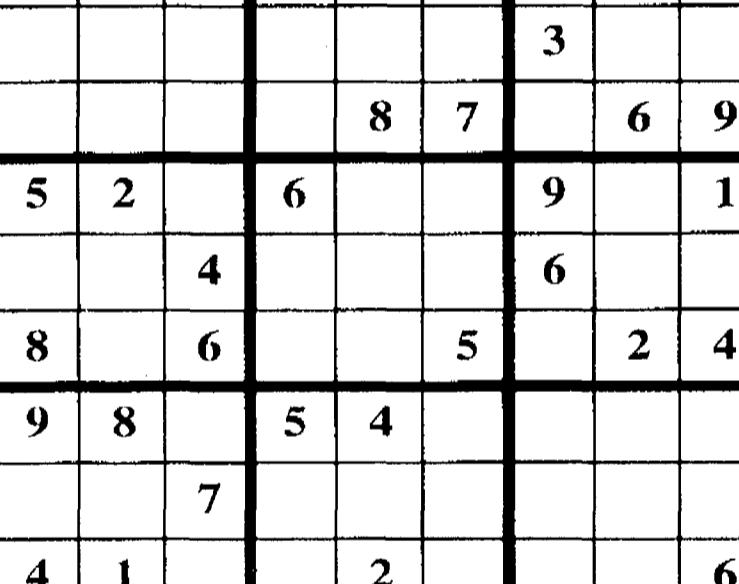
- Gush forth
- Zeno, notably
- Family dog, for short
- Sprite flavor
- Waterwheel with buckets
- Balloon filler
- In an unpatriotic manner
- Mosque V.I.P.
- Chooses, with "for"
- "Remember the \_\_\_!"
- "Wheels"
- Caddie's bagful
- Common allergen
- Admittance
- Consumes
- "\_\_\_ calls?"
- Parisian gangsters
- Amazon, e.g.
- People engaged in a particular occupation
- "So \_\_\_ me!"
- Piece of ground with specific characteristics
- Costa del \_\_\_
- "The Joy Luck Club" author
- Crows' homes
- Lift, so to speak
- Mass of hard consolidated mineral matter
- Hawaiian dish
- Mouldings in the shape of an S
- Calendar span
- Pudding fruit
- Rationalism
- "Fantasy Island" prop
- Common aspiration
- Plain plinth that supports a wall
- Big \_\_\_ Conference
- Spooks
- Animal in a roundup
- Beast of burden

### Down

- Floodgate
- Scribe
- Bestow
- Be itinerant
- Atlanta-based station
- Marsh bird
- Hoa
- Crumbs
- "Rocky \_\_\_"
- Tropical American trees
- Space cadet's place
- Disorder
- Vine of the genus Bryonia
- \_\_\_ v. Wade
- "Is that \_\_\_?"
- Dittography, e.g.
- Ottoman title
- Pink, as a steak
- Frau's partner
- Essential oil or perfume obtained from flowers
- Wild goose having white adult plumage
- "\_\_\_ Town Too" (1981 hit)
- Bag-up
- Brief report
- Farm call
- Polished and well-groomed
- Affected by blight
- Magnetic induction units
- Unite
- Dishevel
- Stew
- Charge
- Reconnaissance
- Solemn promises
- French vineyard
- Abominable Snowman
- Connive
- Back talk
- Beast of burden

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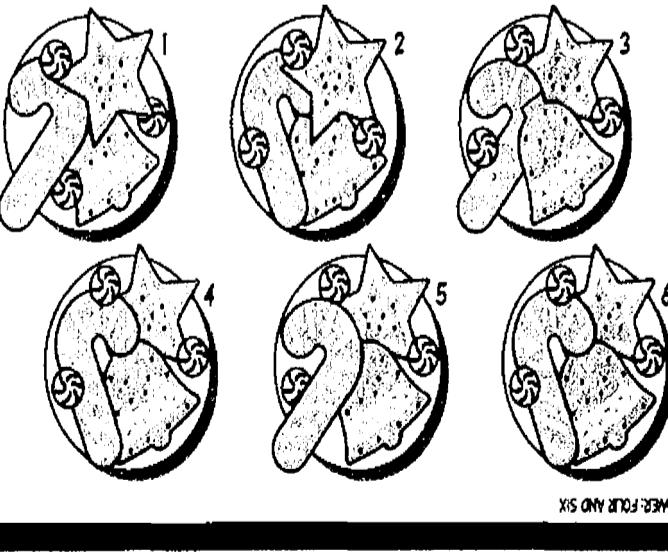
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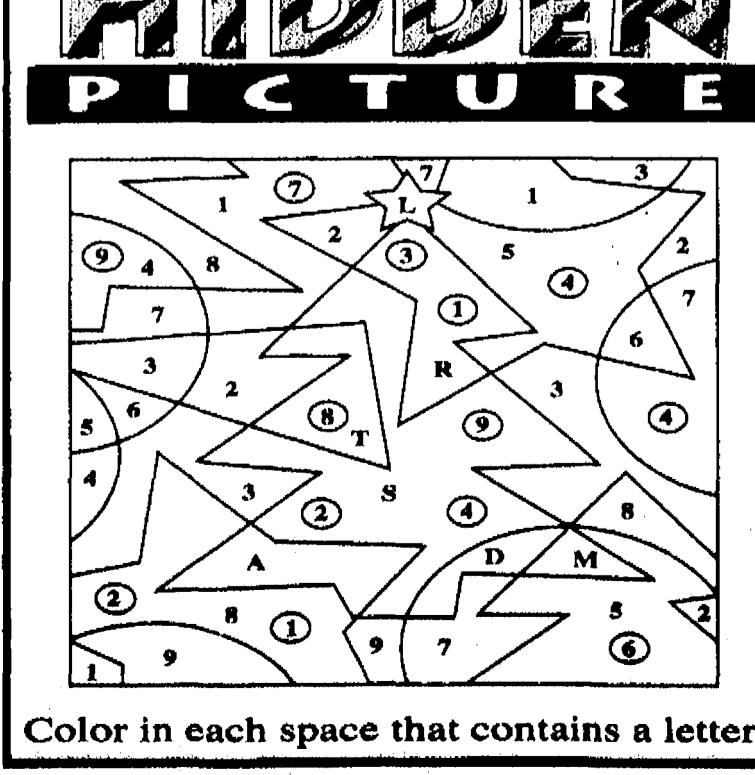


## FIND THE TWINS

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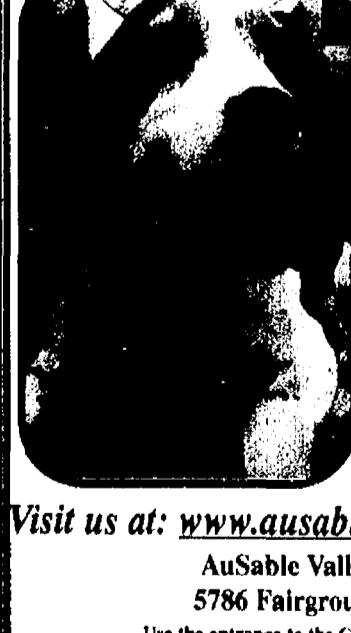


Color in each space that contains a letter.

Open: Everyday - 10am to 3pm

### ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



### Conway

Conway is a charming Beagle with a sweet face and a wonderful disposition. He does very well with other dogs and doesn't bother cats. He is 16 years old, neutered, vaccinated and micro chipped. He would love to have a home for the holidays and a family to love him.

Visit us at: [www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org)

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### PUMPKIN-PEAR GINGERSNAP TRIFLE

#### Ingredients:

1/4 tsp ground nutmeg  
2 cups thawed Sugar Free Whipped Topping, divided  
30 Ginger Snaps, coarsely crushed (about 2 cups)  
1 can (15.25 oz.) pear slices in juice, well drained  
1/2 cup cold fat-free milk  
1/2 cup canned pumpkin  
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

#### Directions:

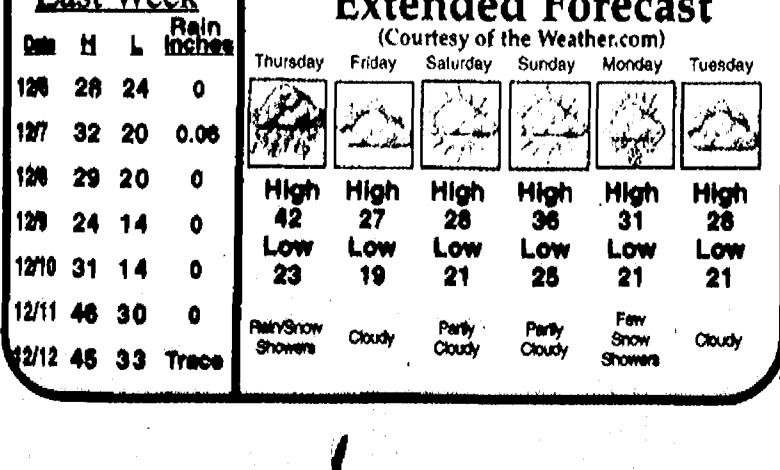
BEAT pudding mix and milk in medium bowl with whisk 2 min. Stir in pumpkin, spices and 1 cup whipped dessert topping.

LAYER 1/3 of the gingersnap crumbs and half each of the pears and pudding mixture in large serving bowl; repeat layers. Top with remaining crumbs and whipped dessert topping.

REFRIGERATE 1 hour.

#### How to Crush the Ginger Snaps

Place ginger snap cookies in large resealable bag; roll over them gently with a rolling pin (or hit with a meat mallet) until cookies are crushed to desired size crumb.



Drop Topper 100% Cotton

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# Classified

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## 1. Real Estate

**HOME FOR SALE** Must see - located at 303 Peninsular. Call for appointment 989-348-2383, after 6 p.m., asking \$119,000. (-17-24-1-8-15-22-29/1)

**HOUSE FOR SALE** 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-1/13/11/tf/2)

## 2. For Rent

**CLOSE TO TOWN** Efficiency cabin. \$380 per month, \$380 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. No pets, 989-348-5124. (-15/2)

**2 BEDROOM HOME** totally remodeled. Hot water heat, 40 ft. garage, fenced in yard. \$600/month, \$600 security deposit. Possible land contract, 989-529-8765. (-15-22/2)

**2 BEDROOM HOME** located in the Grayling/Lovells area. Large heated pole barn with plenty of storage, located in private association. \$590 per month plus deposit. No pets/non-smoking, 989-390-7315. (-15-22/2)

**NICE 3 BEDROOM**, 2 bath, 2 car garage, close to town of Grayling - \$700 a month. Will look at land contract or lease to buy. 275-7874. (-15/2)

**3 BEDROOM HOUSE**, one bathroom, remodeled, entire fresh paint, detached large garage, good neighborhood, at Karen Woods sub division, 6342 Atkinson Rd. No pets, no smoking in house. Rent \$625 plus utilities, minimum one year lease, \$625 deposit. Need references. Phone 989-348-9612. (-15-22-29-5/2)

**FOR RENT** Two bedroom apt. in town - available now. Natural gas heat, cable hook up - \$375 per month, \$200 deposit. Call 348-4131 for more information. (-8-15/2)

**OLD VICTORIAN HOME** totally remodeled. 4 bedroom, 2 full baths with garage. \$1,000 per month, \$1,000 deposit, 989-529-8765. (-8-15/2)

**KITCHENETTE FOR RENT MONTHLY.** No deposit and includes all utilities. Furnished rooms, cable TV, stove, and refrigerator. Western Trails Motel. 989-348-7681. (15-22/2)

## 2. For Rent

**MONTHLY HOME RENTALS** near Grayling, Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Higgins Lake. 2 and 3 bedroom. Higgins North Property Services, 989-821-3434. (-15-22/2)

**ONE & TWO BEDROOM** duplexes, totally remodeled. Storage, nonsmoking \$420 and \$500, references. 808 Park and 8114 Insley Ave., 348-2178. (-11/10/11/tf/2)

**FOR RENT** 1- one bedroom apartment, \$500 per month plus deposit, utilities included. Please call 348-2466 or 989-390-5425. (-11/10/11/tf/2)

**201 FULTON STREET** One bedroom upper level apartment. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Air conditioned, individual locked storage in basement with washer and dryer. Garage with auto opener. Non smoking only in a smoke free building, no pets. \$500 per month, \$450 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call 989-350-4050. (11/3/11/tf/2)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT** Free rent first two months, 6251 M-72 West, 1/2 mile from city. Large parking lot, 840 sq. ft. suitable for office, retail, beauty shop - \$550 month plus security deposit. 989-348-4716. (-11/10/11/tf/2)

**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH** home 1150 sf., washer/dryer, \$600 plus utilities, references and deposit. No smoking, no pets, call 989-344-7669. (-11/10/11/tf/2)

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME** for rent on 2 1/2 acres. Wood heat, \$450 month, call 989-390-2743. (-15-22/2)

**2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH** with small storage shed. Higgins Lake - 14.5 miles from Grayling \$550 month plus utilities, 989-390-3980. (-15-22/2)

**1 BEDROOM IN TOWN** on the AuSable, \$400 per month plus utilities, references. 231-599-2895 or 231-675-1619. (-11/24/11/tf/2)

**2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH** in city \$425 per month plus utilities, references and deposit, No pets, call 344-7669. (-11/24/11/tf/2)

## 3. For Rent

**3 BEDROOM, 1 1/4 BATH** near town. 1 car garage, duplex \$550 /month plus utilities with storage shed, \$600 a month plus utilities, 989-390-3980. (-15-22/2)

**MOVE IN SPECIAL** Studio apartment first months rent 1/2 price. Rent includes heat, electric, cable TV, trash and snowplowing. First month \$188 with proof of income. Rent after that is \$375 month, \$200 security, no pets. 989-348-2137. (-8-15/2)

**TWO BEDROOM** in the country, Grayling schools. Washer/dryer hook up, own utilities \$400 per month, plus deposit, 810-359-5851. (-8-15-22/2)

**NEWER 3 BED**, 2 bath home with 2 car detached garage. \$675 per month, with 1 month security. No indoor pets. Located in Beaver Creek Township near 4 Mile Rd. exit. 989-915-9563. (-8-15/2)

**3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH** mobile home located at 222 Crestwood Dr., in Grayling Mobile Estates. Natural gas, cable, rent \$500 a month, \$600 sec. deposit. Call Ron at 989-348-6761. (-12/15/11/tf/2)

**Cobble Creek I** located in Grayling, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 Bedroom, 2 Bedrooms, 3 Bedrooms Apartments.

Units of barrier free design may also be available.  
Rent is based on income.

**FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING CALL 989-348-3150**

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider, and Employer. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD # (800) 649-3777.

**Cobble Creek II** located in Grayling, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 Bedroom, 2 Bedrooms, Apartments.

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**Grayling Pines Apartments**

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

**Whispering Pines Apartments**

Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020.

Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

## 2. For Rent

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#### 10. Garage Sales

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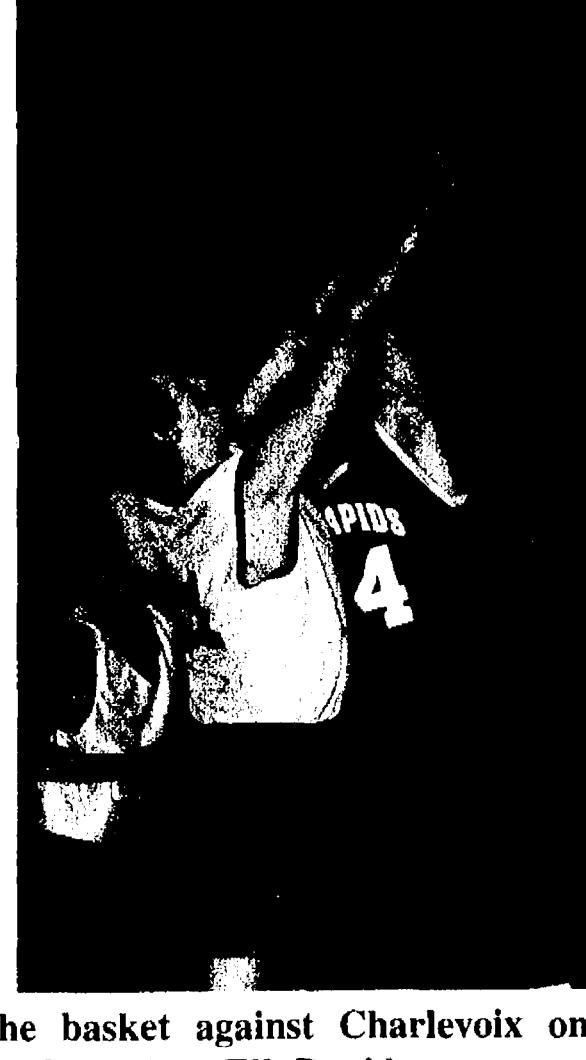
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Crawford County Avalanche

# Sports

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Trent Hickman, left, drives to the basket against Charlevoix on Monday. Spencer Kent, right, shoots the ball vs. Elk Rapids.

### GMS Boys Basketball

#### 8th grade team

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade boys basketball squad, in its last home game of the year, fell 38-35 in overtime vs. the Elk Rapids Elks on Wednesday.

Grayling led 14-9 at half-time. The Elks had a 20-19 edge going into the fourth quarter. At the end of regulation, the teams were tied

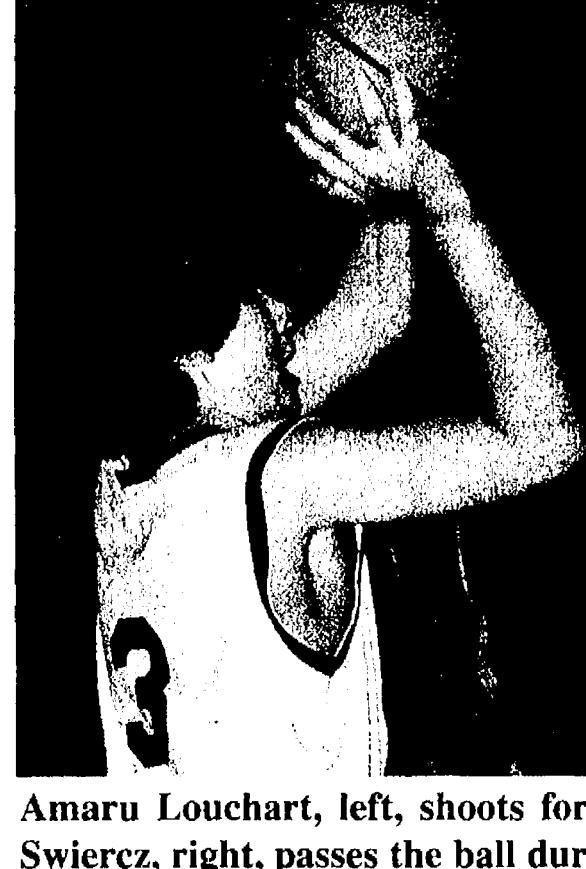
at 33-33. The Elks

Charlevoix.

The contest was tied at 25-25 going into the fourth quarter.

Trent Hickman had nine points. Nic LaLonde scored seven points. Blake Gregory scored seven. Spencer Kent and Chandler Swiercz scored four points apiece.

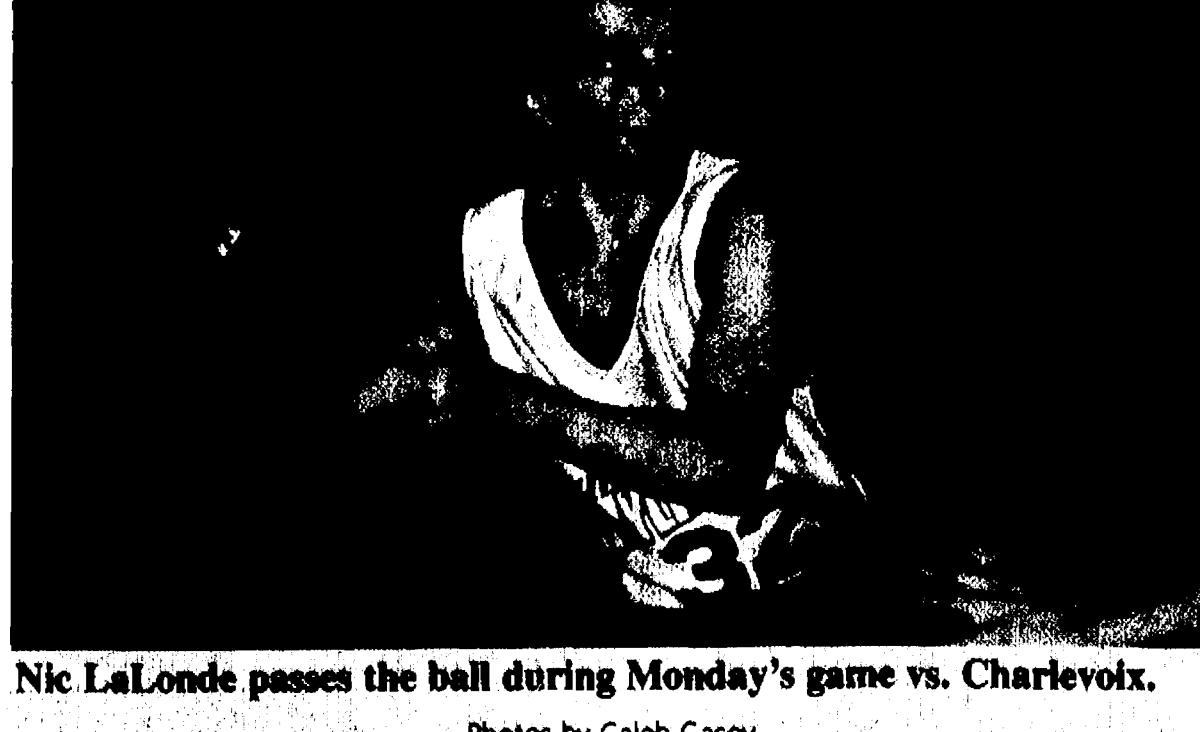
On Monday night, the Vikings lost 41-34 vs. the visiting Rayders of



Amaru Louchart, left, shoots for Grayling vs. Charlevoix. Chandler Swiercz, right, passes the ball during Monday's game.



Dakota Mansfield, left, handles the ball for the 8th grade Vikings vs. Charlevoix. Blake Gregory, right, drives to the basket vs. Elk Rapids.



Nic LaLonde passes the ball during Monday's game vs. Charlevoix.

Photos by Caleb Casey



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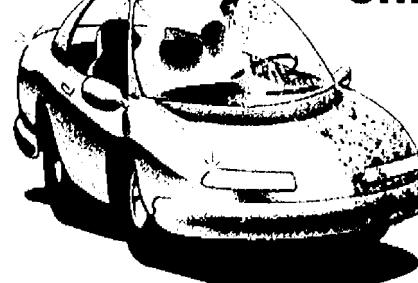
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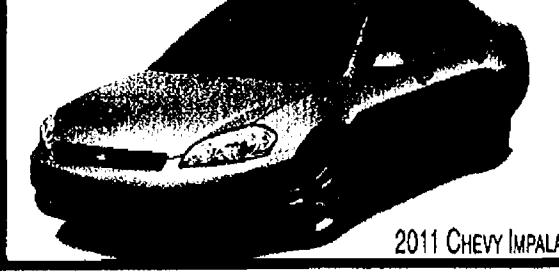
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# Crawford County Avalanche

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## Bowling Leagues

### Senior League

Dana Transport . . . 41-15  
Flowers By Josie . . . 39-17  
Gaylord Electric . . . 31-25  
Sylvester's Sports . . . 28-28  
Bear's Den Pizza . . . 25-31  
Legion Lanes . . . 21-35  
Spike's . . . 21-35  
Lone Pine . . . 20-36  
High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 548; D. Hollis, 499; H. Stairs, 421. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 200; D. Hollis, 195. High Series Men: B. Hollis, 567; K. Harris, 509; L.

### Crampton, 498. High Game Men: B. Hollis, 226; D. Henning, 200; B. Holton, 194.

### Pioneer League

Legion . . . 37-15  
T.C. Lawncare . . . 36-16  
Ole Dam . . . 32-20  
Tim's Collision . . . 29-23  
5 B's . . . 25-27  
Pink Ladies . . . 20-32  
Bosco Babes . . . 15-37  
High Series: H. Stairs, 491; P. Benardo, 476; K. Moshier, 475. High Game: H. Stairs, 182; C. Clark,

### 181; K. Moshier, 180.

**Recreation League**  
Grayling Nursing . . . 32-24  
Worm Guts . . . 31.5-24.5  
Legion . . . 30.5-25.5  
Snap Fitness . . . 30-26  
Glen's Market . . . 28-28  
Robin Smith CPA . . . 26-30  
Mercy Manor . . . 24.5-31.5  
Days Inn . . . 21.5-34.5  
High Series: P. Younglove, 514; C. LaMotte, 470. High Game: P. Younglove, 196; M. Bond, 181; S. Johnson, 176.

**Thursday Morning Coffee**

AJD . . . 52-46  
Tahiti Tans . . . 52-46

Bloomquist . . . 45-53

Dawsons & Stevens . . . 40-58

Spikes . . . 28-70

High Series Men: J. Thayer, 651; L. Ostrowski, 599; T.

Hulbert, 580. High Series Women: M. Bond, 501; L.

Mead, 481; S. Thayer, 474.

High Game Women: L.

Mead, 202; M. Bond, 188;

T. Rock, 179. High Game Men: L. Ostrowski, 278; J.

Thayer, 235; T. Hulbert, 225.

**Friday Mixed Doubles**

G & B Rentals . . . 55-36

Don Nester . . . 54-37

American Legion . . . 54-37

L & L Hauling . . . 46-45

Dodi's Karaoke . . . 43-48

Double Trouble . . . 40-51

AJD . . . 36-55

Hot Dam Players . . . 36-55

High Series Women: P.

Younglove, 488; L.

Holtecamp and D. Hollis,

460. High Game Women: J.

Williamson, 190; C. Helms,

186; D. Hollis, 183. High

Series Men: D. Wallace,

599; D. Yelinek, 593; D.

Canfield, 549. High Game Men: D. Yelinek, 547; G.

Mastroeni, 209; D.

Wallace, 204.

**Sunday Mixed Doubles**

Moores Auto . . . 61-37

Gray Rock . . . 60-38

American Legion . . . 54-44

## Kirtland Basketball

### Women's team

The Lady Firebirds of Kirtland Community College performed an incredible feat during the Thanksgiving weekend Oppy Tourney by winning two basketball games with only two hours of rest between contests. The Firebirds defeated Alma's JV Scots 70-53 and the Mid-Michigan Lady Lakers 64-49.

In game one against Alma, all nine Lady 'Birds contributed on both offense and defense. Every player contributed at least two points, a rebound and an assist. Abbye Gulvas (Standish-Sterling) led the women with 20 points, while sophomore guard Domonique Richards (Detroit Southeastern) played a complete game at both ends with 12 points, two steals and five assists. The women also dominated the Scots on the boards with Cassie Ryckman (Houghton Lake) snatching nine rebounds, Camille Szubelak (Fairview) collecting seven, and Kim Dunn (Gaylord) contributing five rebounds. The 'Birds shot 81% from the free-throw line, hitting 17 for 24, or 71% of their shots.

Next up, the unbeaten Lady Firebirds face the Lansing Community College Stars on Friday, Dec. 16 at the Kirtland Christmas Tournament in Mio.

### Men's team

The Kirtland Community College men's basketball team made it three wins in a row, upsetting Northwood's JV by a score of 69-64 to remain unbeaten. Coach Ty McGregor summarized the victory by saying, "Bottom line is, we won ugly. We struggled shooting from the field and missed 16 free throws. The season is young, but we must continue to get better and sharpen our basketball IQs."

The 'Birds were led in scoring by Dwayne Thurmond with 20 points, with John Edwards and Stavros Schizas putting up 19 and 17, respectively. Thurmond also led the men with five assists and Oleg Donetskiy chipped in a game high seven rebounds.

**May your Christmas Season be merry and bright.**

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